



University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	June 2012	380.095

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

Credit Requirements

Programs leading to a doctoral degree require at least 75 semester graduate credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree and a minimum of 15 credit hours of dissertation. These shall include a minimum of 30 credit hours earned in academic courses that are part of the doctoral program. Doctoral programs normally make use of courses at the 6000 level and above.

Candidacy Examination

Every doctoral degree program (excluding professional doctorates) must require each student to pass a written and/or oral candidacy examination before he or she may be admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree.

Dissertation

A dissertation is required of all candidates for a doctoral degree (excluding professional doctoral degrees). All of the University policies and procedures governing dissertations shall apply including the requirement that the dissertation must be defended publicly at the announced time and place.

HISTORY (R*)

Originally 3.3.1 REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS: DOCTORAL DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 3.3.4 COURSE LEVELS (effective 3/28/89); 3.4.1 CANDIDACY EXAMINATION: DOCTORAL DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 3.5.1 DISSERTATION AND THESIS REQUIREMENTS: DOCTORAL DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 7.1 DEFINITION (effective 2/28/89) from *Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual*.

RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R*)

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