



The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Graduate Health Sciences College Policies

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Purpose

This policy defines credit hour requirements for Ph.D. degree-seeking students

Policy Details

Selection of specific courses, their number, and sequence will be determined by the student in consultation with the Research Advisor, Faculty Committee, Program Director, and Program Chair, subject to the general regulations of the College.

A minimum of 24 semester hours of Course 900 is required of all doctoral candidates before the dissertation will be accepted. The student must continue to register for Course 900 for the entire period during which the student is engaged in dissertation research, including the semester in which the dissertation is accepted by the College.

If a full-time or a part-time student's faculty committee certifies that the student has completed all experimental work for the degree and will be primarily writing and completing the dissertation in the next semester of enrollment, then the student may register for one credit hour of research. The request for permission to register for one credit hour must be made by the student's research advisor. If the student fails to submit an approved dissertation by the deadline for graduation in that semester, the student will be required to register for nine credit hours in the subsequent semester(s).

Doctoral students are required to successfully complete the course 801 IP, Integrity in the Conduct of Scientific Research, in order to graduate.

Policy Scope

Applies to all Ph.D. degree-seeking students.



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Definitions

Candidate. A student who has been admitted to Ph.D. degree candidacy.
Course 900. The specific Dissertation Research course for the discipline (e.g., NSG 900).

Document History

Approved January 23, 2007 by Graduate Studies Council.
Revised July 1, 2007 by Graduate Studies Council to require doctoral students to continually enroll in Course 900 and to allow less than full-time enrollment for students completing their dissertation writing.
Administratively modified December 11, 2013 to adjust the minimum number of credit hours during dissertation writing to one credit hour.
Revised November 24, 2015 by Graduate Studies Council to require research advisor approval for reduced registration hours.