

Proposal Regarding Residence Requirement for Ph.D. – Updating Residence

(catalog policy with Rosemary Garagnani's edits in red)

For the doctoral degree, the residence requirement consists of two parts:

1. a minimum of 36 graduate Oregon State University credits must be completed; and
2. **Full-time** the students must spend at least three terms of full-time graduate academic work (at least 9 credits per term) on campus or at an off-campus site approved by the Graduate School. **Part-time students must expend a minimum of three terms of commensurate effort to ensure academic engagement with their graduate committee.**

The ~~latter~~ **second** requirement of ~~three terms of full-time enrollment~~ does not have to take place in consecutive terms. Adequate fulfillment of the residence requirement shall be determined by the Graduate School. *Programs may elect to waive this requirement at the program-level through communication with the Graduate School. Programs are responsible for communicating this policy to their students at the time of matriculation.*

Alternatively, the policy would be rewritten to simply state:

For the doctoral degree, the residency requirement is a minimum of 36 graduate Oregon State University credits must be completed.

(Thus, entirely removing language associated with full/part-time and credit enrollment/term.)

Proposal Regarding Residency Requirement for the Doctoral Degree – Updating

Description of Change:

Text Changes for Policy Update:

The Graduate School policies will be updated as follows:

Residence

For the doctoral degree, the residence requirement consists of two parts:

1. A minimum of 36 graduate Oregon State University credits must be completed; and
2. ~~The student must spend at least three terms of full-time graduate academic work (at least 9 credits per term) on campus or at an off-campus site approved by the Graduate School. The requirement of three terms of full-time enrollment does not have to take place in consecutive terms. Graduate programs may formally opt out of full-time and/or location requirements if they can otherwise demonstrate adequate doctoral community engagement~~

~~and time-to-degree expectations.~~ Any degree-specific requirements, as described in the degree program's student handbook, that may relate to enrollment requirements, residency requirements, or other non-curricular requirements.

Adequate fulfillment of the residence requirement shall be determined by the Graduate School.