

General Graduate Academic Policies

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3. Doctoral Degree

The following are minimum requirements for the Doctoral degree. Individual program requirements may exceed the minimum listed below.

Students must:

- Apply for graduation by the semester deadline indicated in the University calendar.
- In a Research Doctorate degree (e.g. Ph.D., Ed.D.), earn a minimum of ninety (90) credit hours post-bachelor's with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, with no more than 30 of those credit hours from a previous master's degree in the same/closely related discipline, with the approval of the program faculty.
- In a Professional Doctorate degree (e.g. D.N.P., D.P.T.), earn a minimum of seventy-two (72) credit hours post-bachelor's with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- ~~Students must r~~ Register for a minimum of one (1) credit hour during the semester in which they apply for graduation.
- Earn more than 50% of the credit hours toward the degree through FGCU (Policy is consistent with SACSCOC standards).
- Complete all program requirements as determined by the appropriate college.
- Consult with program coordinators or chairs for specific details regarding graduation requirements.

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3. Doctoral Degree Requirements

The following minimum degree requirements must be met for successful completion of a doctoral degree in an approved program of study. Individual colleges, departments, and programs may have their own requirements that exceed the minimum requirements presented here. Students should therefore refer to the information provided for individual graduate programs for specific information regarding required coursework, examinations, and dissertations.

a. Enrollment and Course Requirements

- In a Research Doctorate degree (e.g. Ph.D., Ed.D.), the minimum number of post-bachelor's credit hours is ninety (90), with no more than 30 of those credit hours

from a previous master's degree in the same/closely related discipline, with the approval of the program faculty.

- In a Professional Doctorate degree (e.g. D.N.P., D.P.T.), earn a minimum of seventy-two (72) credit hours post-bachelor's. Students may transfer a maximum of thirty (30) credit hours in fulfillment of the ~~above~~ seventy-two credit hour minimum from acceptable graduate level courses completed at another regionally accredited college or university, or equivalent foreign institution, into the graduate program at FGCU. An exception can be made under unusual circumstances based on the determination of the graduate program in question. Transfer courses must be applicable toward the graduate degree being sought at FGCU, be approved by the college dean (or designee), and meet any other requirements as specified by the graduate program in question.
- More than 50% of the credit hours toward the degree must be earned through FGCU (Policy is consistent with SACSCOC standards).
- Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate work attempted after initial admission into the graduate program.
- Students may apply a maximum of nine (9) credit hours completed as a non-degree seeking student toward the completion of a graduate degree as approved by the program.
- The doctoral degree is earned on the basis of satisfactory completion of course requirements and the dissertation, scholarly project, or equivalent as determined by the ~~graduate doctoral~~ program.
- ~~The minimum credit hours for the degree are seventy-two (72).~~ Students should consult the graduate program in question for total credit hours required, which may be more than the minimum specified ~~here in Section II. A. 3.~~