

in the semester or summer session in which the degree is to be conferred.

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Residence Requirement and Doctor of Philosophy Time Limit

Two semesters of residence credits must be earned. In addition, the doctoral student has a maximum of six calendar years from admission to attain candidacy and ten calendar years to complete all requirements. The dissertation must be completed in five years after admission to candidacy. Students should consult the departmental handbook for details.

Credit Completion Requirements

A minimum of 24 course credits and 12 dissertation credits beyond the Master of Science are required. Students should consult the departmental handbook for details.

Interinstitutional Doctor of Philosophy Program

North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte all participate in an interinstitutional Ph.D. program. Students seeking admission to such a cooperative program must satisfy all admission and degree requirements at the university where the Ph.D. will be issued as well as those of the student's home institution. Details are available at each of the departments involved in the interinstitutional Ph.D. program.

Summary of Procedures for Doctor of Philosophy

- Application materials and the required fee are received.
- Application materials are reviewed by the department or program.
- The department or program forwards its recommendation regarding applicant's admissibility to Dean of the School of Graduate Studies
- The School of Graduate Studies reviews the recommendation and notifies the student of the action taken on the request for admission.
- The student arrives, reports to the department or program, is assigned a graduate advisor, and develops a roster of courses and credits with the advisor.
- The student complies with requests from the School of Graduate Studies for updated copies of transcripts from previous colleges or universities.
- The student is subject to the continuous registration policy until graduation.
- An advisory committee of at least four graduate faculty members is appointed by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies upon the recommendation of the coordinator of graduate programs.
- The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies appoints a representative to the student's committee.
- A dissertation subject is selected and an outline of the proposed research submitted to the student's advisory committee and the coordinator of graduate programs for review and approval. A Plan of Graduate Work is prepared by the student, in consultation with and with the approval of his/her graduate advisory committee and the coordinator of graduate programs, and forwarded to the School of Graduate Studies for approval as soon as feasible after completion of 12 hours of course work.
- Written examinations in the major and minor fields are scheduled no earlier than the end of the second year of graduate study and not later than one semester before the final oral examination.
- When all written examinations have been completed satisfactorily, the chair or the coordinator of graduate programs requests the scheduling of the preliminary oral examination at least two weeks prior to the suggested date.
- The report of the examination is sent to the School of Graduate Studies and if, the