3359-60-06.4   Doctoral degree requirements.

(A) General requirements. No specific number or sequence of courses constitutes a doctoral program or assures attainment of the degree. A formal degree program generally consists of a combination of courses, seminars, and individual study. In some programs, research and a dissertation are required.

(B) Enrollment.

(1)   A doctoral student may meet the degree requirements of the graduate school and department by full-time study or a combination of full and part-time study.

(2)   The graduate school requires that a doctoral student register for a minimum of one graduate credit during each fall and spring semester from matriculation to graduation. Individual departments may exceed this minimum requirement. A doctoral student should consult with their academic program.

(3)   "Full-time study" is defined as a minimum of nine semester credits during the academic year and a minimum of two credits in the combined summer session. Furthermore, "full-time enrollment" shall be defined as one or more graduate hours for students satisfying one of the following conditions:

(a)   Doctoral students in their final semester of study having completed all degree requirements except dissertation;

(b)   International graduate students participating in curricular practical training (CPT) credit requirements and who are only working toward completion of the research project.

(C) Time limit. All doctoral requirements must be completed within ten years of starting doctoral coursework at the university of Akron or elsewhere. Extension of up to one year may be granted in unusual circumstances by the dean of the graduate school upon written request by the student and recommendation by the adviser, department head, and college dean.

(D) Credits.

(1) A doctorate is conferred in recognition of high attainment and productive scholarship in a specialized field of learning as evidenced by the satisfactory completion of a prescribed program of study. This may include research; the preparation of a