Policies & Procedures

Ed.D. Policies

Residency

The purpose of a residency requirement in graduate programs is for students to become closely involved in the academic life of their program and of the university; to become fully immersed in their graduate study for a substantial period of time; and to develop a relationship of scholarly and professional collegiality with faculty and fellow students. To this end, it is advantageous for students in graduate programs, especially those in doctoral programs, to be full-time, residential students for a significant period. During their residency period, students are expected not only to take courses, but to participate in other aspects of the intellectual life of their discipline and of the university community. Many doctoral students have research assistantships in which they work closely with faculty members and peers on research and development projects. Some have teaching assistantships. There are also numerous opportunities to attend presentations, colloquia, conferences, and brown-bag lunches in which they are invited to participate in discussions about both theoretical and practical issues in their discipline. Participation in national and regional professional meetings, including the presentation of scholarly papers, is encouraged during this time.

For Ed.D. students, two consecutive semesters in a single academic year (exclusive of summer sessions) must be spent in residence on the campus where the degree is awarded. This residency period must be subsequent to admission to the program. 8 credit hours of program coursework must be completed in each of these semesters. Ed.D. students who are working full time may fulfill residency requirements with three consecutive 6 credit hour terms (individual summer sessions are not counted as separate terms.). Dissertation credit hours (795, 799 or G901) ~~and online courses~~ may not be used to fulfill residency requirements. Students in online programs may count online courses towards their residency requirement, but students in residential programs cannot.