

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

A major purpose of the residence requirements for graduate degrees is to ensure that the student has an opportunity to benefit from the advantages of a university environment. These advantages include not only the accessibility of library, laboratory, and other physical facilities, but also the opportunity to participate in seminars and a variety of cultural activities. Equally important to the graduate students are advantages of becoming acquainted with the faculty and other students on both a cultural and a professional basis.

By definition, a student "in residence" is expected to devote most of his or her time and energy to graduate studies **on the main campus under the direction of the major professor and the Advisory Committee.**

Another major purpose of the residence requirements for graduate degrees is to ensure the faculty the opportunity to properly evaluate the student and his/her development in order to guide and direct his/her studies and to determine competency.

The minimum time required to qualify for an advanced degree varies with the ability and preparation of the student. Students may find it necessary to extend their studies beyond the minimum requirements. Specific minimum residence requirements are indicated in connection with respective degrees.

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE OR MASTER OF EDUCATION

Students who enter the masters program with baccalaureate degrees must complete 9 credit hours during one regular semester for the Master of Science degree and complete 12 credit hours of Texas A&M University resident credit for the Master of Education degree.

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Students who enter the doctoral degree programs with baccalaureate degrees must spend two academic years in resident study on the main campus at College Station. Students who hold Master's degrees when they enter doctoral degree programs must spend one (1) academic year in resident study on the Main Campus. In either case, one (1) academic year beyond the first year of graduate study must be in continuous residence on the Main Campus of Texas A&M University at College Station. One academic year may include two (2) adjacent regular semesters or one (1) regular semester and one (1) adjacent 10-week summer session.

To satisfy the continuous residence requirement, the student must complete a minimum of nine (9) credit hours per semester or 10-week summer session for the required period. Those students who enter doctoral degree programs with baccalaureate degrees may fulfill residence requirements in excess of one (1) academic year (eighteen [18] credit hours) on the Main Campus at College Station by attendance during summer sessions or by completion of a less-than-full course load (in this context a full course load is considered nine [9] credit hours per semester) on a proportionate basis. Full-time staff members of the University or of closely affiliated by the completion of less-than-full course loads.

A minimum of ninety-six (96) credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree or sixty-four (64) credit hours beyond the Master's degree is normally required for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

The residence requirement for the Ed.D. is 30 semester hours taken on the main campus at College Station. Of these 30 semester hours, at least 18 semester hours must be taken as a full-time student. The residence requirement must be fulfilled within 5 consecutive calendar years. This requirement may be satisfied by a student who presents any combination of full-time study during summer sessions of at least 6 weeks duration and/or work as a full-time student during regular sessions which totals in the aggregate at least 18 semester hours, accomplished within a 5-year period beginning with the first course proposed to apply to this requirement.

Only doctoral students are required to fill out the form provided and submit to the department.

Plan to Satisfy the Residence Requirement
Doctoral Degrees
Department of Educational Administration and Human Resource Development

This plan is to be executed by every doctoral student in the College of Education prior to beginning the period of enrollment intended to satisfy the residence requirement. It is to be filed in the student's departmental folder and should be amended when necessary.

Residence Requirements of the University, as set forth in the Graduate Catalogue, are recorded on the reverse side of this form and should be reviewed carefully by the student before this form is completed.

I, _____ UIN# _____
(Please Print Name and UIN#)

plan to satisfy residence requirement for the ___ Doctor of Education or ___ Doctor of Philosophy degree in this department in the following fashion:

For the Ph.D.: I will complete at least 9 semester hours per semester for the semesters indicated:
(Indicate the two-consecutive semesters involved by the proposed year(s) of enrollment)

Summer - 20____ **Fall** - 20____ **Spring** - 20____ **Summer** - 20____

For the Ed.D.: During the 5 year period beginning _____ (give semester and year), I will complete at least 30 semester hours on the main campus, at least 18 of which will be as a full-time student. The semesters when I will be registered as a full-time student are:

Year _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____
Year _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____

SIGNED:

DATE:

_____ (Student)

_____ (Committee Chairman)

_____ (Department Head)
