

Graduate School Degree Requirements

Graduation Application

In order to graduate, all graduate students must complete an online graduation application via My Akron by the due dates listed below to be considered for graduation or a certificate. The purpose of the application is to notify the Registrar of the student's intent to graduate. A student cannot graduate without having completed this form. The graduation application only needs to be completed one time. Should the student need to postpone and/or reinstate a graduation, he/she simply must notify the Graduate School.

All students should review their degree requirements with the use of their DARS report via My Akron. Any questions pertaining to the DARS report should be directed to the student's advisor. Students must be fully admitted and in good standing to apply for graduation.

Graduation application due dates: Spring Graduation: April 1
Summer Graduation: July 1
Fall Graduation: November 1

Dissertations/Theses

Students required to complete a thesis or dissertation must meet the Graduate School's formatting guidelines and deadlines. One final copy of the thesis or dissertation must be submitted electronically to OhioLINK by the final deadline. The following web links show the deadlines and formatting guidelines. There will be NO extensions to the deadline.

Deadlines

<http://www.uakron.edu/gradsch/docs/deadlines.pdf>

Formatting Guidelines (revised June 2015)

<http://www.uakron.edu/gradsch/docs/gdln.pdf>

This link also includes frequently asked formatting questions, common formatting mistakes and dissertation submission checklists.

Graduate School Requirements for Doctoral Students:

In addition to the academic requirements, the Graduate School has three requirements for all doctoral students: continuous enrollment, residency and foreign language proficiency. Below is a summary of these requirements. All of these can be found in the Graduate Bulletin.

Graduate Bulletin

http://www.uakron.edu/academics_majors/gb/

Continuous Enrollment

All doctoral students must be enrolled at least 1 credit *every* Fall and Spring semester of doctoral study until graduation. Grades of NCR (no credit), PI (permanent incomplete) or AUD (audit) do not apply toward the continuous enrollment requirement.

Residency Requirement

All doctoral students must have two consecutive semesters of fulltime enrollment at some point in the doctoral study.

This may be fulfilled in the following options:

Fall-9 credits and following Spring-9 credits

Spring-9 credits and following Fall-9 credits

Spring-9 credits and following Summer-6 credits

Summer-6 credits and following Fall-9 credits

Foreign Language Requirement

There are three options to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Plan A: Reading knowledge, with the aid of a dictionary, of two approved foreign languages. At the discretion of the major department an average of “B” in the second year of college-level courses in a language will be accepted as evidence of proficiency in reading knowledge for that language. English may be considered as one of the approved foreign languages for a student whose first language is not English; and demonstrated competence in research technique (e.g., statistics and/or computers) may be substituted for one of the two foreign languages. Under the last option, each department should define competence and publicize.

Plan B: Comprehensive knowledge of one approved foreign language, including reading without the aid of a dictionary and such additional requirements as the department may impose.

Plan C: In certain doctoral programs (counseling and guidance, elementary education, engineering, psychology, secondary education, urban studies and public affairs) the demonstration of competence in appropriate research skills may serve as a substitute for the foreign language requirements.