

Office of Graduate Studies
University of Kansas Medical Center

Residence Requirement for PhD Students

Two semesters, which may include one summer session, must be spent in resident study at KU. For the two specific semesters counted towards meeting this requirement, the student must be involved full time in academic or professional pursuits such as a GTA or GRA appointment for teaching or research if it is directed specifically toward degree objectives. Enrollment in approved distance-learning courses offered through KU cannot be used to meet the doctoral residence requirement.

Full time enrollment for a graduate student is 9 hours for Fall or Spring semesters and 6 hours for the Summer semester. For semesters in which a student holds a GTA or GRA appointment, fulltime enrollment is 6 hours for Fall or Spring semesters and 3 hours for the Summer semester. The residence requirement must be met prior to the semester the Comprehensive Oral Examination is scheduled. It is the responsibility of the academic program to report the two semesters that will satisfy this requirement via the Progress to Degree form requesting approval to schedule the Comprehensive Oral Examination.

Note: These are minimum residence requirements.