

Requirements for Doctoral Degrees

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- A. A minimum of three years of graduate study beyond the baccalaureate is required. A student must spend at least one academic year in continuous residence as a fulltime student at the College of William and Mary after satisfying the requirements for the M.A. or M.S. degree. This may be waived only by the Committee on Graduate Studies on a petition from a department/program committee.
- B. Course requirements for doctoral students shall be at the discretion of the major department/program. In addition to other course or credit requirements, each candidate for the Ph.D. must register for at least six credits of 800, Dissertation.
- C. Each student must satisfy the language requirements prescribed by the department/program under which he or she is enrolled. The manner of fulfillment of language requirements shall be at the discretion of the department/program subject to the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies. Such requirements must be fulfilled before the student may complete his or her comprehensive qualifying examinations.
- D. Each doctoral student must pass a comprehensive qualifying examination designed to demonstrate competence in his or her field of study. Methods of examination, whether written or oral, shall be at the discretion of the student's department/program. An examining committee shall be appointed for each student by the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Arts and Sciences, upon the recommendation of the department/program.
- E. A candidate for the Ph.D. must submit a dissertation based on original research and constituting a contribution to scholarly knowledge. A dissertation committee shall be named by the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies upon the recommendation of the department/program. The dissertation must be approved by each member of the committee. The committee will consist of at least four members, at least two of whom must be full-time faculty at the College and have a formal affiliation with the student's department/program. At least one member of the committee must be from outside the student's department/program, and may include qualified persons from outside the College. Persons who have an affiliation with the department/program (e.g., adjunct status) do not qualify as external members. The degree will not be granted until three copies of the dissertation have been submitted in final form by the deadline listed in the College Calendar contained in this catalog on page vi to the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Arts and Sciences.
- F. Each candidate must successfully defend his or her dissertation in a final examination before it can be accepted by the College. This examination may be written or oral at the discretion of the department/program concerned and shall be

- open to the faculty and to such outside persons as the department/program may invite.
- G. Acceptance of the dissertation by the College is conditional upon the deposit of a master microfilm negative with University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The requisite fee shall be paid by the student.
 - H. All requirements for the degree must be completed within a maximum period of seven (7) calendar years after starting the doctoral program. See the individual department/program description for details on when a student is considered to have started the seven-year Ph.D. clock. Requests for extension beyond the seven year limit must be filed following the procedures outlined in the section entitled 'Time Limits for Degrees and Extensions' on page 23 of this catalog.

Degree of Doctor of Psychology

- A. The successful completion of three full years (fall, spring, and summer semesters) of full-time study beyond the baccalaureate, or the equivalent, is required. In addition, the successful completion of an internship that is a full-time experience for one calendar year, or a half-time experience for two calendar years, with at least two hours per week of formally scheduled individual supervision, is required.
- B. Program course requirements are established by the faculties of the member institutions of the Psy.D. consortial program and administered by the Council of Directors of the program. At least 6 semesters and 72 semester hours shall be in residence in the program, with the student being registered in the program during the semester in which the degree requirements are completed.
- C. Each doctoral student must pass a comprehensive written and oral qualifying examination before being admitted to candidacy. The examination shall cover both course content and clinical competence.
- D. Each candidate for the doctoral degree must pass an examination in his or her area of clinical specialization during the final semester of study. The examination may be written or oral at the discretion of the Council of Directors and shall be open to the faculties of the member institutions of the consortial program and to such outside persons as the Committee may invite.
- E. All requirements for the doctoral degree must be completed within seven (7) calendar years of the time the student begins the doctoral program.