

## FMS Ph.D. Enrollment and Credits Information

1. Specific courses are approved by the student's advisor or advisory committee and depend on the student's research area, interests, and goals.
2. Enrollment requirements vary depending on the form of assistantship you have that semester please check the [enrollment site](#) for guidelines.
3. Ph.D. students must complete the **51 credit** minimum degree requirement.
4. Ph.D. students must complete the minimum residence requirement which is **32 credits** this must be completed before becoming a dissertator.
5. Minimum graduate coursework requirement half of degree coursework (**26 credits out of 51 total credits**) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's [Course Search & Enroll App](#). Graduate level courses are usually 700 and above however some lower numbered courses have been deemed graduate level.
6. There are two different options for Ph.D. minors. Check this [link](#) for Minor information, it must be completed before dissertator status.
7. Residence credits, Ph.D. minor, and graduate level coursework can count towards the minimum **51 credit** degree requirement.
8. Ph.D. students must complete the preliminary exam. Please check the FMS handbook for more information about the exam.
9. Overall GPA requirement the minimum is a **3.00 (on a 4.00 scale)** for all courses (excluding research).
10. Students must earn a B or above in all courses counting toward degree requirements.
11. All incomplete, unreported grades, or progress grades in anything other than research/thesis (usually 690, 790, 990) must be cleared. Independent study (usually 699, 799, or 999) must be given a grade (not progress) each semester.
12. Research/thesis courses in progress or not graded don't have to be cleared but they won't count towards the degree if not graded with an S.
13. All requirements with the exception of the **51 credit** degree requirement, graduate level coursework requirement, and dissertation must be completed before becoming a dissertator.
14. If you have any questions please contact your graduate coordinator.
15. This is a brief summary of enrollment and credit information for FMS Ph.D. students. This is not a substitute for the grad program handbook. The Handbook is a much more in-depth resource for graduate students concerning various topics like the preliminary exam, funding, and much more.