

(Graduate Catalog Policy) Doctoral Degrees

This section specifies the minimum requirements for a doctoral degree from Old Dominion University. Some colleges, schools, and departments have requirements in addition to the requirements described below. In seeking a doctoral degree, each student accepts responsibility for the following University requirements and any imposed by the major department.

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The doctorate is the highest degree awarded at Old Dominion University, and it represents the summit of academic achievement. The following degree designations are offered at the Doctoral level:

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1. Doctor of Applied Science (D.A.S.)
2. Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
3. Doctor of Engineering (D.Eng.)
4. Doctor Health Sciences (D.H.Sc.)
5. Doctor Medical Science (D.M.Sc.)
6. Doctor Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.)
7. Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)
8. Doctor of Nurse Practice (D.N.P.)
9. Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
10. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)¶

Doctoral degrees require at least 78 hours of study beyond the bachelor's degree or 48 hours beyond the master's degree, unless professional accreditations or standards indicate otherwise. Any variation within an individual program's approved degree framework, including course substitutions, must be approved in writing by the graduate program director in consultation with the student's faculty advisor when appropriate.

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