POLICY UPDATE

Doctoral Hours
 Clarify and specify a minimum percentage for structured coursework and research hour requirements for doctoral degrees.

Minimum Hours
 Because the doctoral degree is earned on the basis of advancement to doctoral candidacy status and satisfactory completion of the dissertation, the Graduate School does not specify any minimum number of courses or total credit hours that must be completed for award of the degree. However, programs with formally approved concentrations must have core major requirements that all students must successfully complete. Students must comply with general enrollment requirements and also institutional residency requirements. All doctoral students must have at least one gradable (A-F) graduate course taken at USF to satisfy the GPA minimum requirements.