I am finished with doctoral coursework. Do I need to enroll? If so, for how many credits?

Are you planning to be a dissertator this semester?

YES

NO

Have you passed your prelims and proposal, and submitted the prelim, proposal, and dissertator applications in Milestones?

YES

NO

Has your status as a dissertator been approved?

YES

NO

Have you submitted the prelim application in Milestones?

YES

NO

Is this the semester you are preparing for prelims (or combined prelim/proposal)?

NO

YES

Are you using campus facilities (library, etc.) and/or faculty time (getting feedback on your work from your Major Professor)?

NO

YES

Enroll for a minimum of 1 credit. Note that half time enrollment (generally 4 credits) is the minimum to be eligible to receive financial aid and defer any loan repayment.

Did you enroll last semester?

YES

NO

Students who do not enroll for more than one consecutive Spring/Fall semester are discontinued and must apply for re-entry to their program. Non-enrollment for one Spring/Fall semester is allowed as long as dissertator status has not yet been approved. Students are also not required to enroll in Summer terms unless they are using campus facilities or faculty time, or if this is the semester they plan to graduate.

Students who are preparing for prelims can enroll for 1 credit and still be considered full-time for financial aid/GA/grant purposes. This 1 credit exemption is generally allowed for one semester only. Check with your program to find out if they allow two prelim semesters.

Questions about this chart? Please contact gs-doctoralservices@uwm.edu.

Once you become a dissertator, you are required to enroll in 3 credits of 990 each semester until graduation. Dissertators are considered full-time with 3 credits.