

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND 749 REGISTRATION

“Residency” in the parlance of the Graduate School refers to tuition-paid semesters as a graduate student (and not necessarily to the vernacular understanding of “residence” as residing in a place). There are both pre-qualifying exam and post-qualifying exam residency requirements. See the most recent Graduate School Bulletin for a more detailed description of the residency requirements (<http://gradschool.uky.edu/graduate-school-bulletin>). Post-qualifying exam requirements for Ph.D. candidates (also referred to as post-quals or ABD students) enroll for two credits of 767 every semester until they complete their degree.

To help facilitate fieldwork the DGS will petition the Graduate School on behalf of ABD students for permission to take up to two semesters of 749 (a zero-credit class designed for students completing off-campus fieldwork that fulfills residency requirements). The advantage of 749 during fieldwork is that there are no tuition costs. Note: the Graduate school is the final arbitrator of petitions and students are not guaranteed the ability to enroll in 749.

749 should be taken during a student’s primary engagement in fieldwork or data collection and should be taken consecutively (if taking two semesters). In extraordinary circumstances, the department may support a petition for two semesters of non-consecutive enrollment in 749. Students can request an additional two semesters of 749 (for a total of four semesters), but only if the student is engaged primarily in data collection during the semester in which they are enrolled.

Because 749 is justified to the Graduate School by the fact that students are engaged in intensive off-campus fieldwork (and thus not using on-campus facilities and resources), they should not be regularly participating in campus and/or department activities or have an official on-campus role. This means, for example, students taking 749 could not work as an RA or do similar on-campus work, use departmental labs or office space, or serve on departmental or university committees.

749 is not available for students primarily engaged in dissertation writing, although there is no prohibition on doing a small amount of dissertation writing (such as a background chapter or methods chapters) while engaged primarily in fieldwork. Given this, a student cannot defend their dissertation during a semester in which they are registered for 749.

In all cases, students wishing to be considered for enrollment in 749 must first seek the approval of their advisor. The thesis advisor then submits an email of support (outlining the justification for 749) to the DGS, who then petitions the graduate school (requests should be sent to the Graduate School Dean or Senior Assistant Dean). Requests for 749 enrollment beyond two semesters must first be approved by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Please note: we cannot guarantee that the Graduate School will approve 749 registration requests.