

Graduate Student Frequently Asked Questions

[Satisfactory Progress Towards Degree]

- a. Full-time graduate students register for:
 - 12 credits prior to completion of coursework if entering with a BS
 - 9 credits if international prior to completion of coursework with MS
 - 9 credits for everyone once you are past the oral exam if you want a tuition waiver
 - 1 credit if you are off campus or are paying your own tuition

- b. Registration Course Number
 - 597 – to fulfill placement/fill first year schedule
 - 598 – for MS students doing research
 - 599 – for MS students in last semester to write thesis
 - 697 – for PhD students doing extra course study
 - 698 – for PhD students doing research prior to the Oral exam
 - 699 - for PhD candidates (after the Oral exam)
 - 700 – Continuing Registration

- c. Is attending Colloquium expected beyond CHEM 593? Yes

- d. Should all students take graduate seminar (CHEM 592) in the first year? Yes

- e. When should I take cumulative exams and the oral exam?
 - Cums: during 2nd year; Oral: within 3 months of passing last cum

- f. When is the dissertation Prospectus due? Within 6 months of successful completion of the oral exam.