Credit Hour Requirement for Dissertation

In the event a Doctor of Education candidate has completed the required minimum credit hours for dissertation, but has not yet had the dissertation defense three weeks prior to the end of the semester, the following policy will apply:

1. If the candidate’s committee has read chapters 1-5 and the only remaining activity is for the defense to occur, then the candidate may register for one credit hour of dissertation.
2. If the committee has not yet had the opportunity to read all chapters, then the candidate will need to register for three credit hours of dissertation.

For other policies and procedures related to the dissertation defense, and to the roles and responsibilities for candidates, chairs and committee members, please refer to the *Research Manual* located in the online *Student Handbook:*

<http://coe.fgcu.edu/educationedd/eddhandbook.html>

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