The doctoral degree in Paper Science and Engineering requires 42 semester hours of course work (on a letter-grade basis) beyond the bachelor's degree or its equivalent. Course grades must be C or higher to satisfy PhD degree requirements.

You are expected to be well grounded in the fundamentals of Paper Science and Engineering and have successfully completed the minimum coursework requirements for the master's degree in Paper Science and Engineering. You must demonstrate a mastery of some body of knowledge outside the core discipline of Paper Science and Engineering. This is referred to as a minor program of study. The minor should consist of at least nine semester hours of cohesive courses chosen in consultation with the thesis advisor. The courses must be at the 6000 level or above. You must complete the minor program with a grade point average of 3.3 or better.

**Paper Science and Engineering**

**Major Area**

Must be in the subject area of paper science and engineering. If you completed a master's thesis in this area, it may count for nine semester hours toward this requirement (a copy of the M.S. thesis abstract must be attached to the Ph.D. program of study form).

**Minor Area**

Must be distinctly different from the major area. The minor is intended to provide depth in an area not directly needed for Ph.D. research or related to the area of the principal expertise of the student.

**Electives/Other**

Six of these credits need to be courses in paper science and engineering.

**Total**

42