1.) The Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College states: “All doctoral programs will contain a minimum of 72 semester hours of graduate work. Of those 72 semester hours, at least 39 must be earned while registered in The University of Iowa Graduate College, and after formal program admission. For example, the academic registration requirement cannot be fulfilled by coursework completed under the non-degree or non-departmental student classification or with transfer credit.” Ph.D. students in English reach those 72 hours through the combination of graded courses and independent studies as described above in the section on Commencing Study.

2.) The Graduate College requires that a student must be registered in the semester in which they earn their degree.