TIME TO DEGREE

DOCTORAL TIME TO DEGREE

Key benchmark for graduate institutions

In some programs, students with low TTD have better post-graduate success

See: THE PHD PROJECT
http://www.phdcompletion.org/

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MASTERS/ED.S

5 yrs - (15 total semesters including summer)

DOCTORAL

4 yrs to candidacy - (12 total semesters including summer)

4 yrs post candidacy - (12 total semesters including summer)

8 total years - (24 semesters – including summer)
WHO MONITORS STUDENT STATUS?

**Program**

Program Directors should monitor the progress of students to maintain oversight of time limit guidelines.

**Role of Graduate School**

The graduate school will begin monitoring time limits and make all attempts to inform programs of students that will reach time limitations.
TIME LIMIT EXTENSIONS

Students requesting addition time to complete a graduate degree must submit a

TIME LIMIT EXTENSION REQUEST FORM

Requests MUST be submitted PRIOR TO the student reaching the end of the time limit
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TIME LIMIT EXTENSION REQUEST FORM

Requests MUST include the following:

• The reason for the delay in completion of the degree
• The anticipated time needed for completion
• DETAILED ACTION PLAN WITH BENCHMARKS
• Endorsement from the Major Professor, Graduate Program and College Dean
• Unofficial transcript

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TIME LIMIT EXTENSION REQUESTS

The student will be allowed **ONE APPROVED TLE** during their course of study

Major Advisor and Program Director must monitor progress so that the student meet the stated benchmarks and are ready to graduate in the time frame requested

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IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS

If approved, time limit extension also apply to courses applied toward the degree (i.e. the 7 and 8 year limits for Master’s or Doctoral courses).

PROGRAMS MAY REQUIRE additional or repeat coursework as a condition of the time limit extension

Only ONE time limit request is permitted.

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