



*University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)*

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
TIME LIMITS FOR GRADUATE DEGREE COMPLETION	June 2012	380.080

**POLICY STATEMENT (R\*)**

Doctoral students must complete their degree within nine years of first enrollment. All work used to meet degree requirements, including coursework and the successful defense of a dissertation, must be completed within the nine years prior to degree conferral.

Students in Specialist programs must complete their degree requirements within six years of first enrollment. All work used to meet degree requirements must be completed within six years of degree conferral.

Master of Fine Arts student must complete their degree requirements within eight years of first enrollment. All work used to meet degree requirements, including coursework and the successful defense of a thesis, must be completed within the eight years prior to degree conferral.

All other master’s students must complete their degree requirements within six years. All work used to meet degree requirements, including coursework and the successful defense of a thesis, must be completed within the six years prior to degree conferral.

An approved leave of absence does not affect the time limits for degree completion.

**HISTORY (R\*)**

Originally 3.6 TIME LIMITS TO GRADUATION (effective 12/7/04) from *Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual*.

**RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R\*)**

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