Policy Name: 6.11

Policy Number: Doctoral Students: Allowable Credit Hours and Completion Times

Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted? Review/Revise

Date of last revision, if applicable: January 31, 2017

Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Purpose of Policy (what does it do): Allowable credit hours and completion times for doctoral students

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):
- [x] Scheduled Review
- [ ] Change in law
- [ ] Response to audit finding
- [ ] Internal Review
- [ ] Other, please explain:

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy:

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: delete "full-time" enrollment for progress review; minor wording change for clarification

Specific rationale for deletion of policy:

Additional Comments:

Reviewers:

Academic Policy Committee
Steve Bullard, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Damon Derrick, General Counsel
Doctoral Students: Allowable Credit Hours and Completion Times

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The doctoral degree typically requires a minimum number of credit hours beyond a master’s degree as specified by the program. After three years of full-time enrollment, a formal review of each student’s doctoral progress will be conducted within the respective graduate program and shared with the student.

Students who have reached ninety-nine (99) or more credit hours above a master’s degree:
- will be ineligible for student employment at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA);
- will pay the current rate for out-of-state tuition and fees, or the equivalent of full-cost-of-education as determined by SFA; and
- may be terminated from the program by the dean of the graduate school in consultation with the appropriate academic dean and academic unit head of the program.

If terminated from a program, a student may file a written appeal to the University Graduate Council whose recommendation will be forwarded to the provost and vice president for academic affairs for final resolution.


Responsible for Implementation: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Contact for Revision: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs