

## **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. 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.

**Cross Reference:** Graduate Bulletin; Tex. Educ. Code § 61.059(l)

**Responsible for Implementation:** Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Contact for Revision:** Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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