



Doctoral Students: Allowable Credit Hours and Completion Times

Purpose

This policy outlines Stephen F. Austin State University's procedure for doctoral degree review.

Persons Affected

This policy applies to all faculty and graduate students.

Policy

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

Procedures

Students who have reached ninety-nine (99) or more credit hours in the doctoral program:

- 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 research and graduate studies 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 Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs for final resolution.

Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

Tex. Educ. Code § 61.059(L)

Graduate Catalog

Responsible Executive

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Forms



None.

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