

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the General Counsel

POLICY SUMMARY FORM

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

Policy Number: 6.11

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

Date of last revision, if applicable: 1/28/2022

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

Purpose of Policy (what does it do): This policy provides guidelines for allowable credit hours, and completion times for doctoral students.

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):

Scheduled Review Change in law Response to audit finding

Internal Review Other, please explain:

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy: N/A

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: Minor edits.

Specific rationale for deletion of policy: N/A

Additional Comments:

Reviewers:

Academic Affairs Policy Committee

Lorenzo Smith, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Original Implementation: April 21, 1998

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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 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 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.

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

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

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

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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