

Emergency Time Clock Accommodation for Graduate Students in Degree Programs

Emergency Extension to Time to Degree - Doctoral

All requirements for the doctoral degree must be completed within 10 years of the date you first enrolled in a doctoral program at UWM. This includes all coursework, the dissertation, and examinations required for the degree. Some programs may have shorter time limits. ***If you entered your doctoral program before or in Spring 2020, your time to degree limit will be extended by one year.***

If you entered your doctoral program in the fall semester of 2000 or after, you have five years from your semester of entry to pass the preliminary examination. ***The existing policy provides a one year extension for extenuating circumstances. The Graduate School will regard the COVID-19 emergency as an extenuating circumstance for all current students who need extension.***

Emergency Extension to Time to Degree - Masters

If your master's program requires 30 credits or fewer, you must complete all degree requirements within five years of your first enrollment in the program. If your program requires over 30 credits, you must complete all requirements within seven years. Some programs may have shorter time limits. ***If you entered your master's program before or in Spring 2020, your time to degree limit will be extended by one year.***

Background Information:

Current policy on the 10-year time limit for the PhD:

- Faculty Doc. 3181/GFC Doc. 488: **Committee of the Graduate School to Establish a Maximum Time Limit for Completion of the Doctoral Degree**
https://apps.uwm.edu/secu-policies/storage/faculty/3181_GFC_488_1987_04_20_00.pdf

Current policy on the time limit for the prelim exam:

- Faculty Doc. 3194/GFC Doc. 805: **Recommendation of the Doctoral Studies Advisory Committee to Establish a Time Limit for the Doctoral Preliminary Examination**
https://apps.uwm.edu/secu-policies/storage/faculty/3194_GFC_805_Pr_Time_limit.pdf

Current Summary of Time to Degree and to Prelim policies on UWM Graduate School web site: <https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/academic-policies-procedures/>