

**Temporary Accommodation:
Waiver of Doctoral Enrollment Requirement in 3 Dissertator Credits for Summer 2022**

Because of disruptions to doctoral education due to Covid during the 2021-22 academic year, and from a desire to lower as many barriers as possible to graduation, the Graduate School is temporarily waiving the requirement for dissertators who plan to graduate in Summer 2022 to enroll in three dissertation credits during Summer 2022. This waiver applies automatically to all dissertators who apply to graduate in Summer 2022.

As a result of this accommodation, students intending to graduate in Spring 2022 but who are not able to do so can delay graduation until Summer 2022 without incurring the usual 3-credit enrollment costs. Students who want to postpone graduation from spring to summer must contact Shane Haensgen at haensgen@uwm.edu to move their application. An additional graduation application fee will not be required. All graduation deadlines remain the same.

This enrollment waiver applies only to those graduating in Summer 2022. Students who intend to graduate in Fall 2022 will need to enroll in 3 dissertation credits in fall as usual. Students who intend to graduate after Fall 2022 must remain continuously enrolled during the academic year until they graduate, in accordance with UW System policy.

Please Note:

- Students who want to defend and graduate in Summer 2022 must ensure in advance that their advising committee is able to do so. The waiver of the dissertation credit enrollment requirement for summer does not require a student's advisor or advising committee to agree to a Summer 2022 defense and graduation. For many reasons, advising committees may not be available to conduct a defense until Fall 2022.
- Students who are not enrolled in Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 will lose library access by early September 2022. Campus IT may remove login privileges required for networked resources as early as August. Students who absolutely need to retain login privileges for the entire summer should consider enrolling for one credit instead of three.
- International students are still required by federal immigration law to be enrolled in at least one credit during the semester when they graduate. As a federal law, that requirement cannot be waived by UWM. However, this accommodation will benefit international students who graduate in summer 2022 by reducing the enrollment requirement from 3 credits to 1 credit, a substantial cost savings. International students should contact the Center for International Education with questions about their federal enrollment requirements.
- Federal student loan borrowers who graduate in summer 2022 without enrolling may be required to begin loan repayment earlier than anticipated. The six-month grace period

before repayment begins will be calculated from the end of the last semester of at least half-time enrollment, spring 2022, rather than from the graduation date.

- This accommodation relates only to the requirement for dissertators to be enrolled in 3 credits when they graduate. It is thus different from the requirement for all graduate students to be enrolled in at least 1 credit during the semester when they graduate, and which applies mainly to master's students. That requirement already has been temporarily waived under certain conditions (See item "Emergency Graduation Enrollment Accommodation" in the [Grad School FAQ](#)).