

SENATE ACTION FORM

No. 1247

Subject: 799 Policy Update

Reference to Senate Minutes dated: February 27, 2023

Senate Action:

MOTION: It is moved to approve the revised catalog language 799 dissertation and 699 thesis credits policy.

VOTE: Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Response requested

Approval for placement in University Catalog, Graduate

Approval for placement in University Regulations

Recommendation to Board for placement in Board Policy Manual

None (sent as information item)

Other action requested/comments:

Dawit Senbet

Faculty Senate Chair

2/28/2023
Date

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Administrative review of Senate action (unnecessary for information items):

Reviewed by VPAA/Provost. Check if comments attached

Reviewed by General Counsel. Check if comments attached

Presidential action

Approve Reject Return to Senate for discussion/modification (comments attached)



President/Designated Administrative Officer

Date

Date of Board approval (if applicable): not applicable

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Attachment to Senate Action #124
Approved by the Faculty Senate
February 27, 2023

FACULTY SENATE POLICY PROPOSAL/MOTION

Subject: Update to 799 Dissertation and 699 Thesis Credits policy

Originator/Date: Graduate Council, Fall 2022

Placement(s): Graduate Catalog [Doctoral Dissertation](#) and in [Dissertation and Thesis Credits Policy](#)

Reviewed by APC on 12/5/2022 and sent to Codification

Approved by APC on 2/23/2023 and sent to Faculty Senate 2/27/2023

Motion: Adopt the changes to Dissertation and Thesis Credits policy for placement in the Graduate Catalog as outlined below.

Purpose/Rationale: Current Graduate School policy requires that students enrolled in doctoral programs successfully complete 12 credits of 799 Dissertation in completion of their degrees. However, for many programs this number of credits is insufficient for the preparation and completion of the dissertation.

With current practice, students often enroll in and sometimes complete all the allowed 799 credits prior to advancing to candidacy. This results in challenges when students reach candidacy and do not have sufficient 799 credits remaining to complete their degree. To address this, students often inappropriately pay the Continuous Registration Fee, which keeps their program open for up to one year for them to complete their degree. If a student does not complete their degree during this time, their program is closed, and they must reapply if they wish to complete their program. In addition, as students are not formally enrolled in classes during this time, they do not have access to many campus resources. They are also not eligible for financial aid and, since they are not considered enrolled, their existing loans may come out of deferment resulting in the need to begin payment. Of note, international students are not

Current Language:

Doctoral Dissertation:

A dissertation or doctoral scholarly project proposal and final dissertation or doctoral
major. A dissertation or doctoral scholarly project is required of all doctoral students.
For students in programs requiring a dissertation (i.e., D.A., Ed.D., Ph.D.) minimum

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Students must complete six (6) to twelve (12) credit hours of thesis (699) for a master's degree. The total number of credits required for completion of a thesis is determined by the program. The total number of thesis credits (699) ~~required~~ by a program is listed in the graduate catalog.

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