06.042 Continuous Enrollment	Academic Affairs
Policies of the University of North Texas	Chapter 6

<u>Policy Statement</u>. The University of North Texas requires that graduate students, enrolled in programs with a thesis or dissertation requirement, maintain continuous enrollment in a minimum of three credit hours of thesis or dissertation during each long semester until the thesis or dissertation has been formally approved. The ability to provide access to faculty time, student services, research support, and financial aid eligibility is made possible by a graduate student's official registration and continuous enrollment.

Application of Policy. Graduate Students.

Definitions.

1. <u>Graduate Student</u>. "Graduate student" means a student who, after earning a baccalaureate degree, is enrolled in a course of study leading to a graduate degree (e.g., Master of Arts, Master of Science, or Doctor of Philosophy).

Procedures and Responsibilities.

- I. A graduate student must maintain continuous enrollment in a minimum of three credit hours of thesis or dissertation during each long semester after successful completion of required coursework and qualifying exams until the Toulouse Graduate School has approved the thesis or dissertation.
- II. Thesis or dissertation registration during at least one summer session is required if the student is using university facilities and/or faculty time during that summer session .
- III. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment, subsequent to completing required coursework and passing any qualifying examination(s) for admission to candidacy.
- IV. Master's students must maintain continuous enrollment subsequent to completing required coursework and passing any required qualifying examination(s) for admission to candidacy.
- V. Failure to maintain continuous enrollment will either invalidate any previous thesis or dissertation credits or will result in the student being dropped from the degree program, unless the student is granted an official leave of absence for medical or other exceptional reasons by the Provost or Provost's designee.

Responsible Party. Graduate students and Provost (or designee)

References and Cross-references. None

Forms and Tools. None

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