Policies of the University of North Texas	Chapter 6
18.1.20 Continuous Enrollment	Faculty Affairs

Policy Statement.

To support timely and successful completion of graduate degree programs where a thesis or dissertation is required, students must maintain continuous enrollment in appropriate thesis or dissertation courses.

Application of Policy.

Graduate Students

Definitions.

None

Procedures and Responsibilities.

A graduate student must maintain continuous enrollment in a minimum of three semester hours of thesis or dissertation during each fall and spring term/semester, including the term/semester the thesis or dissertation is accepted by the dean of the Toulouse Graduate School.

Thesis or dissertation registration in at least one summer session/term is required if the student is using university facilities and/or faculty time during that summer session/term or to graduate in August.

Master's students must maintain continuous enrollment, once work on the thesis has begun, through the semester of graduation. The student is required to enroll in a minimum of three semester hours of thesis credit in the major department under the course number 5950. Failure to maintain continuous enrollment through the semester in which the thesis is submitted to the office of the graduate dean will either invalidate any previous thesis credits or will result in the student being dropped from the degree program, unless granted an official leave of absence by the Graduate dean in advance. Strict adherence to the on-time filing deadlines for graduation is required or additional registration in course number 5950 may be necessary.

Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment, subsequent to passing the qualifying examination for admission to candidacy, during each fall and spring term/semester until the dissertation has been accepted by the graduate dean. The student is required to enroll in a minimum of three semester hours of dissertation credit in the major department under the course number 6950. Failure to maintain continuous enrollment through the semester of graduation will either invalidate any previous dissertation credit or will result in the student being

dropped from the degree program, unless granted an official leave of absence by the graduate dean in advance. Strict adherence to the on-time filing deadlines for graduation is required or additional registration in course number 6950 may be necessary.

<u>Responsible Party</u>: Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School

References and Cross-references.

None

Forms and Tools. None

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