

COMPARISON TO CURRENT PRACTICE

	Current Practice	Continuous Enrollment
Registration	<p>Any semester when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Courses are elected *Preliminary exam is taken *Dissertation Defended *GSI, GSSA, GSRA appointment (Fall or Winter) <p>Programs can add other registration requirements.</p> <p>Pre-candidates register for the appropriate credit hour loads for the courses elected. Candidates register for 8 hours and can elect one course in addition to their 995 election.</p>	<p>Every Fall and Winter semester, from matriculation through completion of all degree requirements.</p> <p>The continuous enrollment requirement is satisfied with any credit hour load for pre-candidates, although the faculty in the program or a student's employment or visa status may impose registration conditions. Candidates will register for a standard credit hour load as they do now and remain entitled to elect one course in addition to the 995 election.</p> <p>The appropriate full- or half-term summer registration is required if electing courses, taking preliminary exams, or defending a dissertation. This is the same as current practice.</p>
Stopping out	<p>Pre-candidates Considered withdrawn if not registered by the third week of a term after not having been registered for three full terms prior to that.</p> <p>Candidates Considered active until program notifies Rackham otherwise</p>	<p>Students will be withdrawn effective that term if not registered for a Fall or a Winter semester. Late registrations within a term, as allowed currently, satisfy the continuous enrollment requirement.</p>
Tuition	<p>Differential rates by school and college. 2007-08 general rate approximately:</p> <p>Pre-Candidate rate ≈ \$32,000 (Non-resident) Candidate rate ≈ \$10,500</p>	<p>Pre-candidacy rates would be unchanged. Candidacy rates would be lowered in proportion to the projected increase in registrations. Total tuition revenue would be the same with the new rates and registration rules as under the existing rates and practice.</p>

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Required Fee Totals	36 for candidacy 68 for the Ph.D. With a reduction of 18 with a relevant non-Rackham masters degree	Eliminated
Residency	18 hours of Rackham courses elected in a Rackham registration. We also require: *UM candidacy *UM dissertation committee rules, and *UM dissertation defense process.	No change
Detached Study	For masters and doctoral students who are not enrolled for courses or directed research, but who are working toward completion of the degree as a primary activity. Requires approval from the graduate program and Rackham.	Ph.D. students who are working remotely would be registered. There are programmatic reasons for many students to be remote from Ann Arbor while working on their research. Although students may be remote from campus, they are not detached since registration will be required. Those students will have access to the University's resources and services.
Dissertation Research/Writing	For full-time doctoral candidates who are not enrolled but who are actively engaged in dissertation research and writing on a full-time basis.	Rackham Ph.D. students would not be eligible for this status as they will register while they are engaged in dissertation research and writing.

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Leave of Absence for medical, dependent care, family medical emergency, or military service	No formal policy, looks like a stopping-out period	<p>Leaves of absence granted for limited reasons and limited periods of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Serious medical condition of student * Childbirth or adoption (dependent care) * Family emergency related to illness or death (care-giving occasioned by serious medical condition of immediate family member or death of immediate family member) * Military duty <p>Granted a term at a time for a duration of one year. Can be renewed when circumstances warrant.</p> <p>Program and Rackham must approve, appropriate documentation must accompany leave application</p>
Personal Leave of Absence	No formal policy, looks like a stopping-out period	<p>Students can elect to take a one-term personal leave of absence for any reason one time during their Ph.D. studies. Program and Rackham approval needed.</p>
Readmission	No fee for an application for readmission, department makes the decision (as it does with all admission decisions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Application for readmission requires demonstration of seriousness of intent to complete degree program; readmission is not automatic * Original funding commitments expire at withdrawal; no automatic guarantee of funding at return * Financial penalty assessed upon return equal to one-quarter of the prevailing candidacy rate for each fall or winter term missed, with a maximum fee equal to two semesters' tuition. * Readmitted students must enroll for two full terms before completing degree.

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Preliminary Exam	<p>Students must be registered in the term in which they take their preliminary exams, and it must be a Rackham registration.</p> <p>Some students may take the prelim and achieve candidacy status in the same term. Students who register for a fall or winter term as a pre-candidate and who take prelims in the first two weeks of that fall or winter term, and who have completed all other candidacy requirements, will be advanced to candidacy in that same term.</p>	No change
Advance to candidacy	Advance to Candidacy is the milestone that triggers the change in tuition assessment to the candidacy rate. The Advanced to Candidacy term is the first term in which a student is eligible to register as a candidate.	No change
Grace periods for completion of degree requirements	Students must be registered in the term in which they defend their dissertation. There is a grace period that runs into the first weeks of the next term that allows time to complete all degree requirements without an additional term of registration.	No change
Registrations after defense	<p>Students who do not complete all requirements in the term of defense and its grace period need to register for one additional term at the time they do complete the degree requirements, registering with candidate status at the standard candidacy rate.</p> <p>Candidates must submit final revisions to Rackham OARD within a year of the date of the defense.</p>	<p>Students who do not complete degree requirements in the term of defense (including its grace period) will need to register in a subsequent term for filing of degree requirements.</p> <p>Candidates must submit final revisions within a year of the date of defense, and would need to register in all fall or winter terms until they complete the requirements.</p>

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Active status	No official student status in semesters when a student is not registered, even over the summer. Some campus resources and services are available to non-registered students and some aren't.	Students who register in the fall and winter semesters will have active status year-round until they complete degree requirements. University resources and services should be consistent throughout the year, recognizing of course the academic calendar and the implications it has for the use of faculty or program resources.
Time limits	<p>Candidacy Students are expected to achieve candidacy within 3 years of matriculation.</p> <p>Degree Students are expected to complete the degree within 5 years of reaching candidacy, within no more than a total of 7 years after their first registration in the doctoral program, unless an extension has been approved by the program and by Rackham.</p>	No change
Dual program registrations	Students who are in dual programs where one of the programs is not a Rackham program, can register either in one of the programs or in both. Only credits elected in a Rackham registration satisfy Required Fee Totals or the coursework residency requirement, but programs can choose to accept courses taken in the other program in fulfillment of Rackham program requirements.	<p>No change</p> <p>Registrations in another UM-Ann Arbor graduate or graduate professional program satisfy the requirement for continuous enrollment.</p>