

## Continuous Enrollment Policy for Post-Defense Graduate Students

As outlined in the By-Laws of the Graduate Council (Article IX, Section E), all students must remain enrolled for a minimum of 1 credit until all degree requirements have been met.

Upon completion of the Master's or PhD defense, Graduate Studies allows up to 6 months from the date of the defense for students to complete all degree requirements. These requirements include thesis rewrites, edits or corrections, additional experiments as directed by the thesis committee, administrative requirements including *The Survey of Earned Doctorates* (PhD only), exit photo, exit contact information and, most importantly, submission of the thesis binding receipt to the Graduate Studies office. While Graduate Studies does allow 6 months from the date of defense, individual graduate program may impose a stricter deadline.

Based upon the recommendation of the Examination Committee, a student required only to make minor edits to the thesis document, complete the outstanding administrative requirements and submit the thesis for binding, shall register for the one credit to meet the continuous enrollment requirement. A student required to make major edits, or obtain additional data for the thesis document, or one who does not receive a satisfactory score will be required to register for full-time status (9 credits or more).

A PhD student who registers for one credit may not qualify for stipend support. Tuition and fees will be assessed for each student and the responsible party charged (graduate program, faculty, department, or student).

Students who do not comply with the Continuous Enrollment policy will be administratively withdrawn.

This policy will be strictly enforced beginning June 21, 2010.