

Summary of Graduate Academic Standards Changes

Ouachita Baptist University

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The faculty **approved** this academic standard change at a faculty meeting on November 30, 2021.

Policy on Time Limit for Completing Master's Degree	<p>Proposed Change Add a policy to the Graduate Catalog regarding the time limit for completing a master's degree.</p> <p>Rationale Requiring completion of a degree within an allotted timeframe ensures that graduates have received up-to-date training. There are some circumstances in which an extension is merited (e.g. military service), so the Graduate Council is able to approve extensions in such cases. The policy is also written so that individual programs may determine if they wish to provide a longer timeframe for completion of a degree.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Master's Time-to-Degree Limit</p> <p>Unless otherwise specified for a particular program, all requirements for the master's degree must be completed within 5 years of initial enrollment in a graduate program at Ouachita Baptist University. Under extraordinary circumstances, students in good academic standing may petition the Graduate Council for an extension of the time limit to complete their degree.</p>
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