

St. Cloud State University Policy

POLICY NAME: Time Limit for Earning a Graduate Degree or Certificate

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

LAST REVIEW: NEXT REVIEW:

POLICY OWNER: Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

PROCEDURE CONTACT: School of Graduate Studies

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

All credits (including transfer credits) used in meeting requirements for a master's degree must be earned within seven years prior to the awarding of the degree.

All credits used in meeting the requirements for the doctoral degree*, specialist degree and the sixth-year program must be completed within the seven-year period prior to the awarding of the degree.

All credits used in completing the fifth-year program must be earned within 10 years of the completion of the program.

For additional information about the time limit to complete your program, see policy on Validation of Courses.

For more information on time limits for earning the doctoral degree, please see the policies on Advanced Standing and on Continuous Registration for Doctoral Candidates.