

Residence and Time Limits Policy

Summary

This policy describes the residence requirement and time limits as they relate to earning a degree.

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to outline various residence requirements and time limits toward various degrees.

Policy

Residence Requirement

A minimum of 75 percent of the graduate credit hours required for a master's degree must be taken at Columbus State University. For the specialist degree, the minimum residence requirement is 20 graduate credit hours taken at Columbus State University. For the Ed.D. in Curriculum and Leadership, students are required to complete 48 hours in residence, to include 15 hours of research and 9 hours toward the dissertation.

Asynchronous (online) and distance learning courses administered through Columbus State University constitute courses taken in residence. To earn an additional associate degree in a significantly different discipline (as determined by the dean of the college offering the degree sought), students must meet the following requirements, which include a residence requirement:

- Have earned an associate degree at Columbus State University or at another accredited institution.
- **Meet all program requirements for the degree sought with a minimum of 21 semester credit hours of additional work in residence at Columbus State University and a minimum degree progress grade point average of 2.0.**
- Satisfy the U.S. and Georgia history and constitutions requirements if the prior degree is not from a University System of Georgia institution. Refer to General University Requirements for ways to satisfy these requirements.

Time Limits

All work credited toward a graduate degree must be completed within seven years. For the Ed.D. in Curriculum and Leadership, all work toward the degree must be completed within 10 years. Extension of time may be granted only on conditions beyond the control of the student. In each instance a formal statement outlining the conditions upon which the extension of time is requested should be addressed to the director of the specific

graduate program.

Related USG Policy

3.8.3 Residence Requirement for Degree

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Responsible Authority

Registrar's Office