Updates to Regulations – Balance of Degree Fees

**Current location:** <https://gradstudies.yorku.ca/current-students/regulations/fees/#balance> and <https://gradstudies.yorku.ca/current-students/regulations/registration/#minimum>

**Rationale:**

This update will ensure alignment with PhD programs seeking to change their minimum time to completion requirements that impact registration and fee payment timelines beyond the minimum.

# Fees

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| **Existing Calendar Copy (Change From):** | **Proposed Calendar Copy (Change To):** |
| **Balance of Degree Fees**  Doctoral students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of six terms of full-time registration. With respect to total minimum fee requirements for PhD programs, students who successfully complete a PhD program in less ~~than the equivalent of six terms of full-time registration~~ will, prior to convocation, be responsible for payment of a balance of degree fee. For calculation of balance of degree fees, one full-time term is equivalent to two part-time terms, and vice versa.  Master’s students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of three terms of full-time registration, except in programs where a longer program length is specified. (This does not apply to master’s programs in the Schulich School of Business.) With respect to total minimum fee requirements for master’s programs that do not have a flat program fee, the program length (in full-time equivalent terms) predetermines the minimum total academic fees that a student must pay prior to graduation. Students who successfully complete a master’s program in less time than the program length will, prior to convocation, be responsible for payment of a balance of degree fee. For the calculation of balance of degree fees, one full-time term is equivalent to two part-time terms, and vice versa.  Students who exceed the program length of a master’s program, or the maximum time limits for completion of a master’s or PhD degree, will be responsible for payment of fees beyond the total minimum fee requirement, as appropriate. | **Balance of Degree Fees**  Doctoral students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of six terms of full-time registration, **except in programs where a longer program minimum is specified**. With respect to total minimum fee requirements for PhD programs, students who successfully complete a PhD program in less **time than the program minimum** will, prior to convocation, be responsible for payment of a balance of degree fee. For calculation of balance of degree fees, one full-time term is equivalent to two part-time terms, and vice versa.  Master’s students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of three terms of full-time registration, except in programs where a longer program length is specified. (This does not apply to master’s programs in the Schulich School of Business.) With respect to total minimum fee requirements for master’s programs that do not have a flat program fee, the program length (in full-time equivalent terms) predetermines the minimum total academic fees that a student must pay prior to graduation. Students who successfully complete a master’s program in less time than the program length will, prior to convocation, be responsible for payment of a balance of degree fee. For the calculation of balance of degree fees, one full-time term is equivalent to two part-time terms, and vice versa.  Students who exceed the program length of a master’s program, or the maximum time limits for completion of a master’s or PhD degree, will be responsible for payment of fees beyond the total minimum fee requirement, as appropriate. |

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# Registration

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| **Existing Calendar Copy (Change From):** | **Proposed Calendar Copy (Change To):** |
| **Minimum Period of Registration**  Master’s students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of three terms of full-time registration, except in programs where a longer program length is specified. (This does not apply to master’s programs in the Schulich School of Business.)  Doctor of Philosophy students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of six terms of full-time registration. | **Minimum Period of Registration**  Master’s students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of three terms of full-time registration, except in programs where a longer program length is specified. (This does not apply to master’s programs in the Schulich School of Business.)  Doctor of Philosophy students must register and pay fees for a minimum of the equivalent of six terms of full-time registration**, except in programs where a longer program minimum is specified**. |