

# TIME TO DEGREE (GRADUATE)

Time period to degree begins at the start of the academic term when the first course is taken in classified status.

Time to degree limits are the following:

- **Master's degree:** Five years.
- **Doctorate degree directly from the baccalaureate:** Eight years.
- **Doctorate degree having previously been awarded a master's degree in the same or a comparable field of study:** Seven years.

Time to degree limits may be extended by submitting the Petition for Extension for Time to Degree ([https://www.slu.edu/academics/graduate/current-students/forms-petitions/ge\\_petition\\_for\\_extension-fillable.pdf](https://www.slu.edu/academics/graduate/current-students/forms-petitions/ge_petition_for_extension-fillable.pdf)). If approved, up to two extensions beyond the time to degree limit may be allowed.