

Family and Medical Accommodation Policy for Graduate Students

4.1. Extensions for Completing Academic Requirements

Eligibility

Graduate students in good academic standing making progress towards their degree may be eligible for extensions on:

- Preliminary/Qualifying Examinations
- Final Defense
- Publication Review Process

Qualifying Circumstances:

- Childbirth, adoption, or foster placement of a child
- Caring for a newborn child
- Caring for a child with a serious medical condition
- Experiencing a serious medical condition
- Caring for a seriously ill spouse/partner or parent (may require medical documentation)

Extension Lengths:

- Childbirth, adoption, foster placement: Up to one extra year
- Serious medical conditions (student, child, spouse/partner, parent): Up to six extra months

Application Process:

- Students must submit the extension request form to their academic unit before the desired extension start date.
- Retroactive requests will not be considered.
- The academic unit and the Graduate College will review the request and determine eligibility.
- While each extension granted under this policy will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, absent extraordinary circumstances, the additional time granted by this policy will not exceed two years.
- International students require approval from the Global Programs and Services.

Leave of Absence:

- Students may also consider a leave of absence from their program.
- International students should consult with the Global Programs and Services regarding leave of absence eligibility.