

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY

## Policy on a time limit for application of courses towards graduate degree requirements

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Applicability: All CSUCI master's degree students

**Purpose:** To establish policy restricting the use of courses taken more than seven years prior to the awarding of the degree.

**Policy:** All courses satisfying requirements for the master's degree program shall be completed within seven years of the date of award of the degree except where a shorter time limit is specified by the graduate program. Courses exceeding the University time limit, or the graduate program time limit, may be validated by examination or such other method of substantiation of competence as determined by the graduate program coordinator and subject to the approval of the Provost or designee.

**Background:** Title 5 requirements: A minimum of thirty semester units of approved graduate work completed within a maximum time to be established by each campus. Such maximum time shall be no more than seven years nor less than five years for each particular program. An extension of time beyond the limit may be granted by appropriate campus authority if warranted by individual circumstances and if the outdated work is validated by examination, in the relevant additional course or subject field of work or such other demonstration of competence as may be prescribed.