

REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Dissertation Completion Enrollment

statuses for Ph.D. candidates

1900-2002 REG regular enrollment

ET/DCC enrollment terminated/degree candidacy continuing

2002-2006 REG

DCC degree candidacy continuing

ET/DCC

2006- **REG**

DCE dissertation completion enrollment

ET/DCC

CONTINUING ISSUE: Post-Enrollment

Regular Enrollment <u>[4-5 years]</u>	Degree Candidacy <u>Continuing [1 year]</u>	Financial Support
Univ./External Fellowship	Limited	full stipend and benefits
Assistant in Instruction	Part-Time Lecturer	full stipend and benefits
Assistant in Research	Pre-Doctoral RA	full stipend and benefits
-----	Self/external support	SHP and alumni benefits

Ph.D.s Granted and Median Time-to-Degree	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	#	TTD	#	TTD	#	TTD
Architecture	2	9.7	2	5.9	0	--
Humanities	64	6.7	56	6.9	61	6.5
Social Sciences	50	6.0	55	5.9	55	6.0
Woodrow Wilson School	3	5.1	6	6.8	7	5.9
Natural Sciences	73	4.8	82	5.0	82	5.0
Engineering & Applied Science	51	5.2	65	5.5	72	5.5
Graduate School	260	5.6	282	5.6	277	5.6

➡ **Median time-to-degree exceeds normal period of support in humanities and social sciences.**

Summary of Degree Candidacy Continuing (DCC) Status

Academic Year	2002-03		2003-04		2004-2005	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
# DCCs	196	180	231	189	179	172
Pre-doctoral research assistant	54	41	63	45	54	40
Part-time lecturer	~40	~35	38	15	24	11
Post-enrolled fellow	33	28	26	20	23	18
# E(rollment)T(erminated)/DCCs	<u>633</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>565</u>
totals	829	707	900	741	751	737
# FPO's						
DCCs	63	43	80	51	31	29
ET/DCC's	<u>95</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>40</u>
totals	158	92	192	109	97	69

- Comments:**
- About half of incoming PhD students enter DCC status.
 - A third to more than half of DCCs finish during year.
 - More than half of DCCs find funding for first semester.
 - A declining fraction secure funding for the second semester.

Restructured Enrollment Statuses

- Problems:**
- Majority of Ph.D. candidates do not finish during normal period of enrollment, i.e. median time-to-degree exceeds 5 years in 3 divisions
 - Degree candidates lose student status, and many lose support, when most should be devoting bulk of time to completing dissertation.
 - DCC status does not assure student visa status or deferral of student loans and does not allow additional student loans
 - University fellowship budget would not sustain longer period of (funded) enrollment.

Proposal: Replace DCC, a non-student status, with a student status of limited duration supported by a marginal cost tuition.

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Dissertation Completion					marginal cost			University		benefits	
<u>Enrollment [2 years]</u>					<u>tuition paid by</u>			<u>support</u>		<u>received</u>	
University Fellowship					Grad School			full stipend		full student	
Self/internal/external support					student/dept/ program/agency			none		full student	
Assistant in Instruction					Dean of Faculty			full stipend		full student	
Assistant in Research					Faculty Advisor			full stipend		full student	

Dissertation Completion Enrollment

- Advantages**
- continuation of official student status for 6-7 years
 - smooth continuation of benefits
 - normal deferral of student loans
 - normal extension of student visa
 - tracking of progress by Graduate School
 - rationalization of appointments
 - Pre-doctoral Research Assistants → Assistants in Research
 - Part-time Lecturers → Assistants in Instruction
- Status**
- implementation for 2006-07 with \$3,500 tuition + \$1,000 SHP

Enrollment Terminated/Degree Candidacy Continuing

- Advantages**
- continuation of degree candidacy
 - free of oversight
 - access to appointment as part-time Lecturer

BENEFITS COMPARISONS FOR VARIOUS STATUSES.			
Benefit	DCC (One year max.)	ET/DCC	DCE (Two years max.)
Enrolled Status	None	None	DCE
I.D. card	DCC	Staff if employed	Student
Spouse/Partner/Kin card	DCC dependent	Staff dependent if employed	Student dependent
Access to University Health Services	At cost if in vicinity	None	Full
Health Plan coverage [SHP=Student Health Plan, SB=Staff Benefits]	SHP at cost if in vicinity SB if employed half-time	SB if employed half-time	SHP
Dependents' health care coverage	SHP at cost if in vicinity SB if employed half-time	SB if employed half-time	SHP at cost
Dental and vision plans	At cost	SB if employed half-time	At cost
Library access/Student borrowing privileges	If in vicinity and within five years after Generals	If in vicinity and within five years after Generals	Student
Library carrel	None	None	According to priority
Extension of student visa (F-1 or J-1)	One year	None	Two years
Eligibility for student housing	Limited, from wait list.	None	According to priority
Eligibility to borrow/student loans	None	None	Full
Student loan deferral	None	None	Full
Use of athletic facilities	At staff fees	At staff fees if employed	Student
Dining points program	Yes	No	Yes
Hold on-campus employment	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hold assistantships (AI, AR)	No	No	Yes
Use of Career Services Office	Yes	No	Yes
Parking	Student	If employed	Student
Participation in GSC; membership in GC	At \$5 fee for GSG; house dues for GC	As for DCC during first year of post-enrollment	At \$5 fee for GSG; house dues for GC