

TIME TO DEGREE POLICY FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMS¹

(A=Normal Time to Advancement; N=Normal Time to Degree; M=Maximum Time to Degree)

Doctoral Program	A	N	M
Claire Trevor School of the Arts			
Drama & Theater Ph.D.	4	5	7
History and Theory of Music Ph.D.	3	6	7
Integrated Composition, Improvisation, and Technology Ph.D.	3	4	6
School of Biological Sciences			
Biological Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Developmental & Cell Biology	3	5	7
Biological Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	3	5	7
Biological Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	3	5	7
Biological Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Neurobiology & Behavior	3	5	7
School of Medicine			
Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Anatomy & Neurobiology	3	5	7
Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Biological Chemistry	3	5	7
Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Experimental Pathology	3	5	7
Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Microbiology & Molecular Genetics	3	5	7
Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. with a Concentration in Physiology & Biophysics	3	5	7
Environmental Health Sciences Ph.D.	3	5	7
Epidemiology Ph.D.	3	5	7
School of Education			
Education Ph.D.	3	5	7
Henry Samueli School of Engineering			
Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.	2(2)	5(4)	7(7)
All Other Engineering Ph.D. Programs	3(2)	5(4)	7(7)
Interdisciplinary			
Computational Science Ph.D.	3	5	7
Mathematical, Computational and Systems Biology Ph.D.	3	5	7
Networked Systems Ph.D.	3(2)	6(5)	7(7)
Transportation Science Ph.D.	3	5	7
Program in Public Health			
Public Health Ph.D.	3	6	8
Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science			
Computer Science Ph.D.	3(2)	6	7
Informatics Ph.D.	3	6	7
Software Engineering Ph.D.	3	6	7
Statistics Ph.D.	3	5	7

UCI TIME TO DEGREE POLICY FOR MASTER OF FINE ARTS (MFA) PROGRAMS

MFA Program	Normal Time to Degree (years)
Claire Trevor School of the Arts	
Studio Art/Critical and Curatorial Studies	3
Drama	3
Music	2
Dance	2
School of Humanities	
Writing	3

Doctoral Program	A	N	M
School of Humanities			
Classics Ph.D.	4	6	8
Comparative Literature Ph.D.	4	7	9
Culture & Theory Ph.D.	4	7	8
East Asian Studies Ph.D.	3	7	8
English Ph.D.	4	7	9
Film and Media Studies Ph.D.	4	6	7
German Ph.D.	3 (2)	6 (5)	8
History Ph.D.	3	7	9
Philosophy Ph.D.	4	7	9
Spanish Ph.D.	4	7	8
Visual Studies Ph.D.	4	6	7
School of Physical Sciences			
Chemistry Ph.D.	3	5	7
Chemistry-ChaMP	3	5	7
Earth System Science Ph.D.	2	5	7
Mathematics Ph.D.	4	6	7
Physics Ph.D.	3	6	7
Physics-ChaMP	3	6	7
School of Social Ecology			
Criminology Law and Society Ph.D.	4(3)	6(5)	7(6)
Social Ecology Ph.D.	4	6	7
Planning Policy and Design Ph.D.	4	6	7
Psychological Science Ph.D.	4	6	7
School of Social Sciences			
Anthropology Ph.D.	3	7	8
Economics Ph.D.	2	5	6
Global Studies Ph.D.	3	6	7
Language Science Ph.D.	3.3	5	6
Logic & Philosophy of Science Ph.D.	3.3	6	7
Political Science Ph.D.	3	6	7
Psychology (Cognitive Sciences) Ph.D.	4	5	6
Social Science Ph.D. with a Concentration in Mathematical Behavioral Science	4	6	8
Sociology Ph.D.	4	6	8
The Paul Merage School of Business			
Management Ph.D.	3	5	6
School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences			
Pharmacological Sciences Ph.D.	3	5	7
Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing			
Nursing Science Ph.D.	3	4	7

NOTES

Time to degree is approved by the Graduate Council.

Parentheses represent reduced time to advancement and degree for those students entering a Doctoral program with a Master’s degree.

Please note that any time spent in a gateway program counts towards a student's time to degree.