



## Teachers College

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### **Extension of Ph.D. Eligibility**

Extension of eligibility for Ph.D. students may be granted by the Dean of The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences if:

- (a) The student is nearing the end of six or seven year period of eligibility,
- (b) Substantial progress has been made toward completion of Ph.D. degree requirements,
- (c) The period of time needed is not excessive.

**Normally, extensions are granted for (1) one semester not to exceed (1) one year.**

The procedures for requesting an extension are:

1. After conferring with his or her academic advisor (or Dissertation Advisor if at the Dissertation writing stage), the student shall write a petition letter addressed to the Office of Doctoral Studies. The letter should include precise information detailing the following three points:
  - a. On the **first line of your petition letter** indicate the **exact time needed to complete all the requirements by stating the beginning and ending semester and year**. Give a schedule of dates and milestones within the period requested, such as when the proposal or dissertation will be completed and ready for distribution to the committee, when the final oral examination will be held, etc.
  - b. The reason(s) for not finishing within the original time period allotted.
  - c. The progress made-to-date in meeting requirements.

The academic advisor's/Dissertation Advisor's letter of support should include an evaluation of the quality of the student's achievement and appraisal of the student's proposed schedule for completing remaining requirements.

The Office of Doctoral Studies will evaluate the request and if reasonable, will then obtain approval from the Chair of the Faculty Committee on the Doctoral Degree. Copies of this approved request will be e-mailed to both the student and the Academic/Dissertation advisor.