

Academic Relief for Graduate Students during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Academic Council – September 2021

MOTION: That the following provision be approved for insertion in the Degree Handbooks of the ThM, DMin, and Conjoint MA and PhD programs and added to the TST website:

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A student who has been registered or on an approved Leave of Absence in conjoint graduate programs (PhD, MA, ThM, and DMin) during the period from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021, who exhausts the program extensions permitted under the regulations in the applicable Degree Handbook may petition the GCTS for one additional extraordinary program extension to recognize the difficulties faced by students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fees will be charged during this extension in accordance with provincial requirements. Arrangements for bursaries or other financial relief fall within the jurisdiction of the student's college of registration.

Academic Council - November 2021

MOTION: That the following policy be adopted by Academic Council and published in the notices prefixed to the 2021–2022 edition of the Graduate Conjoint Degree Handbook and on the TST website:

Notwithstanding section A7.2.2.1 of the Graduate Conjoint Degree Handbook, any student in the Conjoint PhD program who has been unable to achieve Candidacy by the end of the sixth year of registration because of delays and restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic may request a Program Extension to register for a seventh year at the same time as requesting an extraordinary Extension to Achieve Candidacy. Both requests must be made using the existing forms. The decision to approve or deny such requests shall rest with the GCTS Petitions Committee.