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Title of Issue (a short descriptive title by which the issue may be referenced)
Time Limits
Description of Issue: The proposed revision creates a new section with a new heading – Time Limits – ahead of the requirements for master's, education specialist, and doctoral degrees in the Graduate Catalog.
Rational for Submission: Language about time limits precedes the master's and doctoral sections of the Graduate Catalog but is missing from the education specialist section. This proposed revision corrects that oversight and also cross-references the "Re-Validation" policy. Lastly, confusing language about interruptions caused by military service is clarified.
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Time Limits

All requirements for a graduate degree or graduate certificate must ordinarily be completed within an eight-year period. Exceptions to these time limits must be approved by the graduate program director and the college dean or designee. Graded coursework older than eight years at the time of graduation must be re-validated by an examination before the work can be applied to a graduate degree. Courses identified as research, thesis or dissertation that were graded pass/fail do not require re-validation. See the "Policy on Re-validation of Out-of-Date Graduate Credit."

Students whose graduate study is interrupted by military service will be granted an extension of time for program completion for the period of their military service, not to exceed five years. In such cases, graded coursework older than eight years at the time of graduation must still be revalidated.

Master's Degrees

This section specifies the minimum requirements for a master's degree from Old Dominion University. Some colleges, schools and departments have requirements in addition to the requirements described below. In seeking a master's degree, each student accepts responsibility for the following University requirements as well as any imposed by the major department.

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Education Specialist Degrees

This section specifies the minimum requirements for an education specialist degree (Ed.S.) from Old Dominion University. Some colleges, schools and departments have requirements in addition to the requirements described below. In seeking an education specialist degree, each student accepts responsibility for the following University requirements as well as any imposed by the major department.

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Doctoral Degrees

This section specifies the minimum requirements for a doctoral degree from Old Dominion University. Some colleges, schools and departments have requirements in addition to the requirements described below. In seeking a doctoral degree, each student accepts responsibility for the following University requirements as well as any imposed by the major department.

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