School of Business & Leadership

Doctor of Strategic Leadership (DSL) Policies
Effective Fall 2014

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Time Limit for Degree Completion & Active Registration Requirements

Students have a maximum of seven years from the date of entry into the DSL program to fulfill all degree requirements. This deadline includes all academic semesters as well as all leaves of absence. The DSL degree work is considered done when the final doctoral project has been successfully completed, and all university degree clearance procedures are satisfied. During the seven-year period, a continuous acceptable active registration (see table below) status must be maintained.

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** Students commencing the program Fall 2014 and beyond must meet the active registration requirements listed above. If they cannot maintain active registration, they must qualify for a leave of absence (see below) and will return to active registration status at a future time with the next doctoral cohort.
Leave of Absence

A leave of absence of two consecutive semesters will be considered only in rare cases and for students encountering substantial financial, health, work, or family life events that significantly and temporarily disrupt their doctoral studies. The student must file a leave of absence petition in writing, explaining the reason(s) for the leave and submit it to the DSL program director [kathpat@regent.edu] for review and decision.

A leave of absence does not extend the seven-year time limit to complete the program. The doctoral program permits a maximum of two semesters/terms leave of absence before students reach the final DSL project phase.

When on a leave of absence, a student's status is changed from 'active' to 'leave of absence.' In order to resume the program after the leave of absence (two terms), a student must submit a reactivation application to the academic advisor [advising@regent.edu]. Beyond the allowable two terms leave of absence, the student is automatically deemed inactive and will be administratively withdrawn from the program. To return to an active status in the program after administrative withdrawal, the student must submit a readmission application to the director of SBL Admissions [apply@regent.edu].

Students with scholarships and fellowships forfeit financial awards for the terms during which a leave of absence is taken. Additionally, students are not eligible for other financial awards available and must return any already received award(s) for the leave of absence terms.

DSL Final Project Continuation Credit

Students must register for 1 continuing DSL project credit (LDSL 863) each semester after completion of all 6 required DSL final project credits and until successful completion of the final DSL doctoral project.

Failure to comply with above policies will result in administrative withdrawal. This means that the student has not maintained the required continued registration in the university to be a student/graduate in good standing for university privileges, for transcript requests and/or for the awarding of a diploma.