

Special COVID-19 Policy.

All Ph.D. students who were enrolled in the program in Spring 2020 receive an automatic one-semester extension on their next upcoming benchmark of these four: the requirement to submit the approved Plan of Study by the 12th credit for B.A. to Ph.D. students; the requirement to complete coursework within 5/6 semesters; the requirement to successfully complete comprehensive exams within two semesters of completing coursework; the requirement to successfully defend the prospectus within two semesters of passing the comprehensive exams. Other criteria for good standing (i.e. minimum GPA, finishing incompletes) can be waived through an Exemption from Regulations submitted to and approved by the graduate committee.

For information related to COVID-19 resources and policies from the Graduate School, please consult <https://gradschool.umd.edu/coronavirus>.