Time Limits for Graduate Coursework, Theses, Projects, and Examinations
(Supercedes PM 92-01)

Students who graduate under the requirements of the 1992-93 catalog or a later catalog will be expected to complete all required coursework and the thesis, project, or examination for the master’s degree within five years. When coursework was completed more than five but not more than seven years prior to degree award, individual departments may require that the currency of knowledge be demonstrated or validated; that courses be repeated or substituted; or that such courses be accepted (see individual program requirements). Any coursework more than seven years old at the time of expected degree completion will not be accepted toward meeting degree requirements, and arrangements will need to be made with the program coordinator to repeat or substitute appropriate courses.

Only coursework that exceeds the 7 year limit by no more than one academic year is eligible for validation. The number of courses validated shall not exceed 25% of the units required for the master’s degree.