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By registering annually, all doctoral candidates may maintain their connection with the University for four years after completing their residence requirements. Candidates for doctoral degrees must complete the degree by the end of PhD7. Please note that students admitted after a Master's degree are normally considered to be PhD2 and not PhD1 (direct entry). Contact your Graduate Program Coordinator/Administrator to confirm the number of years in which you must complete your program.

The object of these regulations is to encourage candidates to complete their theses and qualify for their degree without undue delay.

Students who do not complete their degree requirements within the time limits stated above will have their registration at the University terminated and will lose their student status and access to McGill facilities and support. International students on study permits will also be required to leave Canada.

Students can apply for readmission by completing and submitting the Request for Readmission webform only when they are ready to submit their thesis and will be charged fees for the term of readmission.

~~In exceptional cases, a student who wishes to submit a thesis, or to complete outstanding degree requirements, after withdrawal may do so only on the recommendation of the department concerned. A graduate application must be submitted by stated deadlines and readmission fees will apply. The final decision rests with Enrolment Services.~~

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