

## Policy on receiving the PhD without registering

The university has established a new policy to allow a student to submit the finalized copy of his or her dissertation in Week 1 of any given quarter and receive the PhD without also registering in that quarter. In the BSD, the conditions to be in effect for this to be an option will be:

- The dissertation defense had to be scheduled so late in the previous quarter that the usual dissertation submission deadline could not be met. Acceptable circumstances are limited to conflicting schedules for advisory committee member(s), for example because of patient responsibilities or research time in the field.
- The dissertation must be in final form and approved by the program for final submission by the end of the previous quarter.

Students who take advantage of this new policy will **not** have any benefits or privileges in the non-registered quarter in which they graduate. Benefits and privileges of registered students include stipend, access to the student health center and other university facilities tied to full-time registration, and continuing loan deferral.

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