Normally, a thesis must be formally submitted (see Submission of Thesis ([calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/general-regulations/thesis/submission-thesis/])) or the program otherwise completed, within twelve semesters (see Program Duration ([calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/general-regulations/registration/program-duration/])). Candidates must understand, however, that announced departmental policy may require completion of the degree requirements within a briefer time period.