This section is a synopsis of key policies and best practices regarding graduate enrollment and retention requirements of degree-seeking students at Alcorn State University. This snapshot will assist students in a quick reference guide to key inquiries that are consistently posed.

1. All admitted and enrolled students must follow the assigned curriculum in go.alcorn.edu and use the degree plan and checklist for progression to degree completion.

2. Graduate Studies will honor degree completion requirements specified for students in the published Graduate Catalog and use this criteria to certify prospective students for degree completion.

3. A student who does not maintain continuous enrollment (summer semesters not included) will follow the degree plan and progression to degree completion requirements in place at the time of readmission.

4. A student who does not complete his/her curriculum within the specified six-year time limit will have to petition the Graduate Studies Administrator to explain any extenuating circumstances preventing degree completion if the student’s intent is to complete degree requirements. This is not an automatic approval in submitting an appeal for consideration. Petitions are reviewed and decided on a case by case basis.

5. It is the responsibility of the student to read and comply with the policies and procedures published in the Graduate Catalog to maintain good academic standing and progression to degree completion.

6. Students are held responsible for reading and complying with the University policies contained in the Graduate Catalog and Student Handbook.

7. The Catalog is the official document that governs student outcomes, academic integrity, student success, and progression to degree completion. Graduate Studies will exercise its educational responsibility in its judicial oversight of graduate programs.