



Degree Status Petitions:
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The following outline provides guidance on how programs should prepare such petitions, the timeline for review and decision, and the entities reviewing them. It is anticipated that successful petitions within each of these two categories will be very small in number.

Graduate degree program administrators should carefully consider which of these two petitions is most advantageous for continued program success. In particular, a successful petition for terminal degree status will require a higher expenditure than a successful status petition. Thus, it will be equally costly to the institution as a traditional PhD or other doctorate, while at the same time not contributing to the formal evaluation of LSU as a Carnegie I Very High Research Activity Institution. Each of these reclassification petitions is regarding eligibility and does not guarantee any level of annual funding, which may influence which petition route is more advantageous for the program.

Petitions for Reclassification as a Terminal Degree Program

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The goal of this process is to establish program classifications in time for the FY24 budget to be finalized at the end of June, 2023. Meeting this timeline will require that classification is decided by the end of March, 2023. Th



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