



**University of Pikeville  
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Office of the Dean**

**Maximum Length of Completion**

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**Purpose**

At the University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM), students will complete a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (“DO”) degree within the maximum allotted time following matriculation. This policy is designed to ensure that each student completes the DO degree within 150% of the standard time to achieve the degree (six years following matriculation).

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**Policy Statement**

Students at the University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) must complete all Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree requirements within 150% of the standard program length, which is six (6) years from the original date of matriculation.

While the expectation is that students will complete the DO degree within KYCOM’s standard four-year plan of study, any alteration to this plan—regardless of reason—must still result in completion within the six-year limit. All leaves of absence count toward this six-year period. The only exception is for the duration of an approved fellowship, which is excluded from the calculation.

Failure to complete all DO degree requirements within this time limit will result in administrative withdrawal from KYCOM. In rare, exceptional circumstances, the Dean may grant a written extension.

**Related References, Policies, Procedures, Forms and Appendices**

[KYCOM Student Handbook](#)

**Dean**

August 12, 2025

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**Last Approved Date**

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