6. Special Status

6.1 Part-Time Students

Although the University has a specific formula for determining full vs. part-time status, there are no special provisions made for part-time students, e.g. their time limits are the same as for full-time students. However, the Graduate School will normally waive the time limits (within reason) at the request of the Department. The Department of Astronomy treats all its deadlines for the part-time PhD students as being set back by 2 years. In those cases where this policy would need a waiver of University deadlines, the Department will support such a request. Part-time MS students will be treated on an individual basis. Normally, the five-year University time limit is sufficient to complete an MS thesis even on a part-time basis.

6.2 Provisionally Admitted Students

All such cases are dealt with on an individual basis. Provisionally admitted students are informed at the time of admission of the conditions needed to remove the provisional status. Occasionally, a student may be admitted with a deficient academic record. The cases are again dealt with on an individual basis. The normal procedure would be to set up a long-range program for the student and to adjust departmental deadlines accordingly.