FULL-TIME STATUS

Full-time status is defined as six or more semester hours in formal (for credit) courses and/or the following criteria for establishing status. This definition excludes Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Laws (LLM) students in the School of Law and Doctor of Medicine (MD) students in the School of Medicine.

- All graduate students holding appointments as Fellows, Trainees or Graduate Assistants are considered full-time regardless of the number of hours enrolled (i.e., a student can have fewer than 6 hours while being fully funded). This means that a student does not have to use the full 18 or 21 hours allocated on an assistantship if the student does not need all of those hours. Dissertation, thesis, and project guidance hours can be divided into multiple semesters to reach the required hours.
- All graduate students registered for Special Study for Examinations are considered full-time.
- All graduate students registered in thesis, dissertation research or project guidance (5960/5990/6960/6990) are considered full-time, even if it is for zero hours.
  - Graduate Education policy requires that students be enrolled in at least one hour of dissertation credit upon completion of coursework or achievement of doctoral candidacy until completion of 12 hours. After completing 12 hours students may enroll in zero credits unless otherwise directed (e.g. additional credits while on extensions).
  - For thesis and project guidance, after completing the required hours students may enroll in zero credits unless otherwise directed (e.g. additional credits while on extensions).
- Students in credit-hour only degree programs who are within the final hours of their program and need fewer than 6 hours to complete the degree are considered full-time.

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