

Full-Time Status

Full time status is defined as nine or more semester hours in formal (for credit) courses and/or the following criteria for establishing status:

- 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 9 hours while being fully funded).*
- All graduate students registered for Special Study for Examinations are considered full-time.
- All graduate students registered for 1 or more hours of thesis, dissertation research, or project guidance (599/699/696) are considered full-time. Graduate Education policy requires that students be enrolled in at least one hour of dissertation credit upon achieving candidacy until completion of 12 hours.

*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. Do not allow funded students to take more than the hours required. The extra hours can be allocated to other students as tuition scholarships per school/college policy. International students on assistantships, fellowships or traineeships do not have to be enrolled in 9 hours to meet visa requirements. Page 1