



# POLICY

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<b>3-20 Enrollment Status and Course Load</b>
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## **Policy Statement**

For registration purposes, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours to be considered a full-time student in the fall and spring semesters and 6 or more credit hours in summer.

### Fall and Spring – Enrollment Status Definitions

- Enrollment in 12 or more credit hours is considered full-time status.
- Enrollment in 1 to 11 credit hours is considered part-time status.

### Summer – Enrollment Status Definitions

- Enrollment in 6 or more credit hours is considered full-time status.
- Enrollment in 1 to 5 credit hours is considered part-time status.

\*\*Credit hour requirements for Federal Financial Aid are defined by federal regulations and vary from the definitions above. For financial aid purposes, a student's enrollment status is defined as follows for Fall, Spring and Summer:

### Financial Aid Enrollment Status Definitions

- Enrollment in 12 or more credit hours is considered full-time status.
- Enrollment in 9 to 11 credit hours is considered three-quarter-time status.
- Enrollment in 6 to 8 credit hours is considered half-time status
- Enrollment in 1 to 5 credit hours is considered less than half-time status

### Course Load

The recommended academic course load for a full-time student registered in the fall or spring semester ranges from 12-18 credit hours per semester. To promote high success rates, students are not permitted to enroll in more than 22 credit hours during a regular semester and 15 credit hours during the summer semester without permission from the Dean of General Education unless enrolled in a technical program with a predefined course load. The decision to grant an overload is based on, but not limited to, academic performance, time demands, employment, and family obligations.