

Graduate Study Loads

Summary

Graduate students at CSU have an enrollment status based on the number of semester hours they are enrolled. There is a maximum course load of semester hours.

Purpose

This document describes graduate enrollment status as it relates to semester hours.

Policy

Maximum Study Load

The maximum course load for any graduate student is 12 semester hours. Students holding graduate assistantships must register for at least nine, but no more than 10 semester hours of graduate credit. In all cases, graduate students are urged to register only for the number of hours they can complete successfully.

Enrollment Status

Enrollment status for graduate students is based on the number of hours enrolled, excluding withdrawn courses, as follows:

Number of Semester Hours Enrolled Graduate Enrollment Status

9 or more	Full-time
6 to 8.99	Three Quarter-time
4 to 5.99	Half-time
3.99 or less	Less than Half-time

** For summer terms, enrollment status certification other than for financial aid is determined as follows: 6 semester hours or more, full time; 3-5 semester hours, half time; and 1-2 semester hours, less than half time.*

Students on financial aid seeking information about [how enrollment status may impact financial aid eligibility](#) should contact the Financial Aid office.

Related USG Policy

3.8.1 General

Last Update

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Responsible Authority

Registrar's Office