

Student Rules and Regulations Committee

Approved by President

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(Additions to rules are bolded and underlined, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough)

EXISTING RULE:

1.7 A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term and eight hours in a 10-week summer semester. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment.

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if an undergraduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree and has applied for graduation, he or she may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though he or she may be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term or eight hours in a 10-week summer semester.

Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education pro-grams who are enrolled in less than 12 hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term or eight hours in a 10-week summer semester may be eligible to be certified as a full-time student with the approval of the Dean of the College or his or her designee.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

1.7 A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term and eight hours in a 10-week summer semester. **Full-Time enrollment for federal financial aid is always defined as 12 semester credit hours, including the summer term (all sessions combined).** A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment.

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if an undergraduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree and has applied for graduation, he or she may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though he or she may be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester, four hours in a five-week summer term or eight hours in a 10-week summer semester.

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

These changes are requested to add information to student rules that are already in practice due to federal financial aid regulations. By adding it to student rules, additional clarity can be provided to students.

COMMENTS:

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on 10/17/2008.
- **Approved by Faculty Senate on 12/8/2009.**
- **Approved by President Murano on 1/25/2009.**

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