

## 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:**

1.8 A full-time graduate student is defined as one who is registered for nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term and six hours in a 10-week summer semester. In addition, if a student is registered for at least one hour for the 10-week session and a total of six hours in any combination of 5-week sessions and the 10-week session, the student is considered full-time for the 10-week session. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status.

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if a graduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree, has applied for graduation and does not hold a graduate assistantship, 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 nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term or six hours in a 10-week summer semester.

Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education programs who are enrolled in less than nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term or six 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:**

1.8 A full-time graduate student is defined as one who is registered for nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term and six hours in a 10-week summer semester. In addition, if a student is registered for at least one hour for the 10-week session and a total of six hours in any combination of 5-week sessions and the 10-week session, the student is considered full-time for the 10-week session. **Full-time enrollment for federal financial aid is always defined as 9 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.

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if a graduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree, has applied for graduation and does not hold a graduate assistantship, 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 nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term or six hours in a 10-week summer semester.

Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education programs who are enrolled in less than nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, three hours in a five-week summer term or six 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.

### **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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