

Student Rules and Regulations Committee

Proposal to Revise Rules

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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 or six hours in a summer semester. 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, or six hours in a summer semester. Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education pro-grams who are enrolled in less than nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester or six hours during a 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

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JUSTIFICATION:

This change is consistent with the wording in Rule 1.7 concerning undergraduate students and certification based on exceptions. The rule is the same for undergraduate and graduate students.

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