

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2025

TO: Andrew Klein, Ph.D.
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Kristen Harrell, Ph.D.
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee on Friday, June 6, 2025.

PROPOSAL

Rule 1.8 Student Registration

JUSTIFICATION

The Graduate and Professional School and the Office of the Registrar have seen a number of situations in which students are taking advantage of a loophole in this rule. There have been a number of students who are applying for graduation, enrolling in a lower number of credit hours, being certified as full-time and then just not graduating. This allows them to continuously enroll less than full-time while being certified as full-time. There was one example this semester that had successfully been certified as full-time four semesters in a row.

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Student Rule 1.8: Student Registration

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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. A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours greater than 0, for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University, can be used toward certification of enrollment. During their last semester prior to graduation, if a graduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete their degree, has applied for graduation, **is not past any milestone deadlines**, and does not hold a graduate assistantship, they may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though they may be enrolled in less than nine semester hours during a fall or spring semester, or six hours in a summer semester. **If a graduation application is canceled prior to the last day of classes for the term, the student will no longer be eligible for the exception and their enrollment status will revert to the status corresponding to their enrolled hours. In the event that a student does not graduate after receiving full-time certification, the student is not eligible to receive the exception again. Extenuating circumstances which may warrant a second semester of full-time certification will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Graduate and Professional School.** 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 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 their designee](#). These certifications listed above based on exceptions cannot be met by enrollment in zero credit courses(s) and may not be used to qualify for Federal Financial Aid as federal regulations determine financial aid eligibility. **International students should consult with International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) regarding enrollment requirements.**