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JUSTIFICATION

Enrollment time status is increasingly driven by the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, in the past, since the summer term was considered non compulsory, there was more flexibility for institutions to define full-time status, as TAMU did in the 1980's. Current rules do not make exception for summer semesters, even if not compulsory, and summer time status needs to be reported to ED based on a 12-hour full-time status. This interpretation has been reached through collaboration with Scholarships & Financial Aid.

Rule 1.7 Student Registration

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 or eight hours in a~~ across all sessions of 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 an undergraduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete their degree and has applied for graduation, they may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though they may be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours ~~during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester~~. Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education programs, and study abroad programs who are enrolled in less than 12 hours ~~during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in 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.