



**Graduate Active and Full-Time Status # 380.0441**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Active Status  
Active status entitles students to utilize the University's resources. All graduate students must take a minimum of one (1) credit hour per term to maintain active status in the program. Students will be dismissed for non-enrollment if there is a lapse in enrollment for three consecutive terms.

Full-Time Status  
For full-time status, the University requires nine (9) credit hours of graduate enrollment for Fall and Spring and six (6) credit hours for Summer.

Once a doctoral student has advanced to candidacy, three (3) dissertation credits is considered full-time enrollment, except for the purposes of graduate assistantships. Similarly, Master's students who have completed their coursework and have an approved proposal may be considered full-time with enrollment in one (1) thesis credit.

The maximum amount of hours which a graduate student may carry in a single term without special permission is 15. A heavier load must be approved by both the graduate program director or department chairperson and the dean of the University Graduate School.

Admitted students who are recipients of stipends from the University, whether holders of fellowships or graduate assistantships, must be full-time students.

**SCOPE**

Faculty, graduate students, and University Graduate School administration.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

This policy outlines the status of Graduate students who are considered active or full-time.



DEFINITIONS	
TERM	DEFINITIONS
N/A	N/A

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
N/A

RELATED RESOURCES
N/A

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HISTORY
<p><b>Initial Effective Date:</b> Originally 4.2.4 FULL TIME STATUS (effective 2/11/97); 4.2.5 ACTIVE STATUS (effective 3/28/89); and 4.2.6 DISSERTATION OR THESIS ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT (effective 2/11/97) from Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual.  <b>Review Dates</b> (<i>review performed, no updates</i>): N/A  <b>Revision Dates</b> (<i>updates made to document</i>): March 28, 2023</p>