



*University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)*

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
GRADUATE ACTIVE AND FULL-TIME STATUS	June 2012	380.0441

**POLICY STATEMENT (R\*)**

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.

**HISTORY (R\*)**

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*.

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