

## 1 **Full-Time Unit Load for Graduate Students**

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3 For THE PURPOSES OF ASSIGNING UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT STATUS IN A GIVEN SEMESTER, full-time enrollment  
4 certification by the University graduate students WILL BE CONSIDERED FULL-TIME IF THEY must carry a unit load of AT  
5 LEAST 8 units of approved prerequisite, corequisite, or graduate program courses OR OTHER COURSES APPROVED BY  
6 THEIR GRADUATE ADVISOR. Upon THE recommendation of a student's major department/division/school and  
7 approval by the appropriate college dean, a student enrolled in any of the following department/division/school  
8 courses may be certified as full-time with fewer than 8 units: 5960, 5970, 5990, 5995, 6990, OR 5960 (NOTE: FOR  
9 FINANCIAL AID PURPOSES, STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN AT LEAST ONE UNIT-BEARING COURSE IN ADDITION TO  
10 5960 TO BE CONSIDERED FULL-TIME). The maximum unit load for students working towards a graduate degree is 16  
11 units per semester. Authorization to enroll in more than 16 units requires a petition approved by the student's major  
12 department/division chair or school director and the appropriate college dean. GRADUATE STUDENT STUDY LOAD FOR  
13 THE PURPOSES OF ASSIGNING VETERAN BENEFITS OR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STATUS MAY HAVE  
14 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS.

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4 full-time if they carry a unit load of at least 8 units of graduate program courses or other courses approved by their  
5 graduate advisor. Upon the recommendation of a student's major department/division/school and approval by the  
6 appropriate college dean, a student enrolled in any of the following department/division/school courses may be  
7 certified as full-time with fewer than 8 units: 5970, 5990, 5995, 6990, OR 5960 (Note: for financial aid purposes,  
8 students must be registered in at least one unit-bearing course in addition to 5960 to be considered full-time). The  
9 maximum unit load for students working towards a graduate degree is 16 units per semester. Authorization to enroll  
10 in more than 16 units requires a petition approved by the student's major department/division chair or school director  
11 and the appropriate college dean. Graduate student study load for the purposes of assigning veteran benefits or for  
12 the international student status may have additional requirements or restrictions.