

# Financial Aid Standard for Enrollment Credit Hours

## Office of Student Financial Services

### General Enrollment Requirements

To be eligible for federal or state financial aid, students must be enrolled at least half-time in an approved, accredited *degree-seeking program* and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. Enrollment hours are reviewed at the time of disbursement.

### Summer Enrollment Requirements

In addition to general enrollment requirements, students must be enrolled at least half-time during **both** six-week summer sessions to be eligible for loans or grants (excluding Pell Grants) during the summer term.

*For example: The minimum enrollment status for graduate students to attain eligibility for a summer session is a minimum of 3 credit hours (half-time) [2 credit hours in the first six-week session and 1 credit hour in the second six-week session] over the full twelve weeks of a summer session.*

Half-time enrollment in only **one** of the two six-week sessions does **not** satisfy the financial aid eligibility requirements. A student **must** be enrolled for the **full twelve weeks** of a summer session to remain aid eligible.

**Note:** Federal loan eligibility for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled less than full-time in any semester will be prorated and loan amounts will be reduced in direct proportion to enrollment intensity. *Any outstanding balances resulting from the reduction or revocation of aid due to a change in enrollment, overaward, or overpayment will be reflected in your tuition account.*

MD Anderson Undergraduate Students Enrollment Hours			
Status*	Undergraduate Fall Term	Undergraduate Spring Term	Undergraduate Summer Term
Full-Time	12	12	12
Three-Quarter Time	9	9	9
Half-Time	6	6	6
Less than Half-Time (Pell Grant only)	1 – 5	1 – 5	1 – 5

\*Assistance is calculated per term

MD Anderson Graduate Students Enrollment Hours			
Status*	Graduate Fall Term	Graduate Spring Term	Graduate Summer Term
Full-Time	9	9	6
Three-Quarter Time	7	7	5
Half-Time	5	5	3

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