

Credit Loads

A full-time program of coursework for graduate students requires a minimum of 12 academic credits or a combination of academic and equivalent credits for a total of 12 credits in any semester. Students may take no more than 18 credits of graduate work in any Fall or Spring semester. The Graduate Studies office will not approve credit loads of more than 18 credits in the first semester of graduate study. International students admitted to the United States on student Visas are required to complete at least nine (9) academic or equivalent credits each Fall and Spring semester.

Certification of Full-Time Status

A matriculated graduate student may be certified as in full-time attendance in any semester when taking at least 12 academic credits or a combination of academic and equivalent credits for a total of 12 credits. Students may receive 1–6 equivalent credits for such activities as teaching assistantships, research assistantships, thesis research and writing, preparation of the comprehensive examination, and fieldwork. Departments are responsible for documenting credit equivalencies.

Academic credits are prescribed in the departmental degree requirements in the Graduate Bulletin and contribute to the total credits required for the master's degree. Equivalent credits are never accepted toward the total credits required for the master's degree.