

Financial Aid Standard for Enrollment Credit Hours

Office of Student Financial Services

General Enrollment Requirements

In order 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 [2 credit hours in the first six-week session and 1 credit hour in the second six-week session for a minimum of 3 credit hours (half-time) over the full twelve weeks of a summer session].

Please be aware that half-time enrollment in only **one** of the two six-week sessions does **not** satisfy the financial aid eligibility requirement. A student **must** be enrolled for the **full twelve weeks** of a summer session.

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

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

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