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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/12/2023

TO: UA Academic Advisors, Student Support Personnel, and Students

FROM: Abbie Sorg, Assistant Registrar, Academic Catalog & Policy

RE: Amendments to Enrollment Policy

In the spring of 2023, the Office of the Registrar and the Graduate College proposed updates to the **Enrollment Policy** for undergraduate and graduate students. The changes support student success by clarifying existing policy and adding provisions that allow appropriate credit units to count toward full-time status in certain circumstances.

The updated policy was approved by the Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, Undergraduate College Academic Administrators Council, Graduate College Academic Administrators Council, and the Faculty Senate during the spring and fall of 2023. Updates to the policy include:

Clarified Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment Information

A table has been added to better illustrate the units required for Full-Time Student Status along with links to international student services and financial aid information. Clarifying how the information is presented helps students navigate external processes such as federal loan repayment and deferral, and meeting international visa requirements.

Clarified and Updated Graduate School Enrollment Status

Requirements for graduate students have been updated to remove reference to winter term (enrollment in winter term is not required to maintain full-time status) and to expand Advanced Status eligibility, which supports completion of work towards an advanced degree.

Consideration of Full-Time Status for Partial Summer Enrollment

An exception has been added that qualifying first-time, undergraduate students may receive full-time enrollment status at six (6) units in a summer session approved by the Office of the Registrar. By allowing for this exception, students who are required to maintain full-time status have a manageable course load when starting in the summer term.

Language Standardization and Point of Contact Updates

Other clarifications in the policy standardize language and updates the primary points of contact for questions regarding enrollment status and financial aid agreements.

The updated policy is effective Spring 2024 and can be read in full at

<https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/registration-tuition-fees/registration-enrollment/enrollment>

Questions about the updates to the Enrollment policy should be addressed to the Office of the Registrar at catalog@arizona.edu.