

Graduate Student Enrollment

3.2. Enrollment Policy

Students must maintain continuous enrollment by registering for graduate credit during fall and spring semester until all degree requirements are completed. Students completing disquisitions must maintain continuous enrollment until the disquisition publication review process is completed and the disquisition is approved by the Graduate College.

- Summer registration is required for students holding an oral preliminary examination, final defense or completing the disquisition publication review process during the summer semester.
- Students may take up to 15 credits each semester. Students may apply to exceed the credit limit by submitting the Over 15 Credit Petition (<https://powerforms.docusign.net/48159fed-c0b2-439b-a487-a1bce5d11f76?env=na3&acct=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7&accountId=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7>).
- A student who has not registered for longer than a continuous two-year period must reapply for admission and is subject to the degree requirements at the time of readmission.

For information regarding assistantships and enrollment see Assistantship Policies (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/assistantship-fellowship/>).

In some circumstances, graduate assistants who are working 20 hours per week and registered for six or more graduate credits may be considered full-time. Check with your lender, funding provider or other organization to determine their specific requirements.

See Credit Load page (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/student-credit-load/>) for more information.