

Proposition: 07-14/15

Title: A proposal clarifying and specifying in the graduate catalog that full-time status for graduate students is nine or more credits per semester.

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Proposal: Page 18 of the 2014-2015 Graduate Catalog, under the heading “Full-Time Graduate Student,” shall be changed to read (removing the strikethrough language):

“A full-time graduate student is one enrolled for nine or more credits per semester. ~~other than for tuition purposes.~~ Students doing graduate work while engaged in full-time, off-campus employment should limit themselves to one or two courses per semester.”

Rationale: The increased rigor of graduate-level courses has been long acknowledged throughout the University. This has manifested itself in many forms including the significant differentiation in formula funding associated with graduate and undergraduate coursework. A “full time” course load for graduate students has been acknowledged within the Graduate Catalog as 9 credit hours. However, in terms of tuition and fee billing, “full time” enrollment is defined as 12 credit hours. The present proposition corrects this inconsistency. Full-time status academic policy and the administration’s tuition considerations are two separate matters.