



Definition of an Academic Year for Financial Aid Purposes

For the purpose of awarding financial aid, the definition of an academic year is 24 semester credit hours and 32 weeks of instructional time. The academic year consist of a fall and spring semesters. The financial aid award year begins July 1 and ends June 30. The Fall semester begins in August and the Spring semester begins in January. To be full time for fall and spring, the student must enroll in at least 12 hours for Undergraduate and 9 hours for Graduate and Doctoral to be considered full-time during fall and spring semester.

Undergraduate	Academic Year Fall & Spring		GRADUATE	Academic Year Fall & Spring
Full time	12 or more hours		Full time	9 or more hours
Three Quarter Time	11-9 hours		Three Quarter Time	8-7 hours
Half time	8-6 hours		Half time	5-6 hours
Less than Half time	5 or less		Less than Half time	Less than 5 hours

The summer term is considered a trailer to the academic year for the purposes of awarding financial aid and consider as one term with modules. Students must enrolled at least half-time status for summer school in order to be eligible for student loans.

Undergraduate	Summer		GRADUATE	Summer
Full time	6 hours		Full time	6 hours
Half time	3 hours		Half time	3 hours