# Enrollment Status and Course Load

The enrollment status of undergraduate students is based on the number of hours enrolled in a semester or the summer term. The university recognizes full-time status as carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in any semester (fall and spring) or the summer term.  The summer term is inclusive of May Intersession, five-, eight-, and ten-week summer sessions. Students should be aware that the minimum number of hours during the fall and spring semesters is insufficient for completion of a four-year degree program in eight academic semesters (four years). Since most university degree programs require a minimum of 120 credit hours, or 30 hours per year, a student should earn 15 hours per semester to complete most degree programs in four years (eight semesters). The university offers degree-completion plans; see the [Office of the Registrar’s website](http://registrar.uark.edu/425.php) or the [Academic Regulations](https://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/eightsemesterdegreecompletionpolicy/) section of this catalog.

The chart below shows the enrollment status for each semester or summer term, based on hours enrolled.

| **Semester or Term** | **Hours** | **Enrollment Status** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fall, Spring, Summer | 1-5 | Less than half-time |
|  | 6-8 | Half-time |
|  | 9-11 | Three-quarter time |
|  | 12 or more | Full-time |
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**Number of Hours Allowed per Semester or Term**

1. Undergraduate students in good academic standing who wish to enroll in more than eighteen (18) hours in a fall or spring semester, excluding intersession, must be approved by their academic dean's office. In addition to the fall and spring semester limit of eighteen (18) hours, undergraduate students may enroll in an August or January Intersession up to a maximum of one lecture or lab course, with the exception of co-requisite courses, for a maximum of four (4) hours.
2. Undergraduate students in good academic standing who wish to enroll in more than twenty-one (21) fall or spring semester hours, excluding intersession, must get a recommendation from their academic dean’s office *and*  be approved by the [Academic Standards Committee.](http://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/academic-standards-committee-petition.php)
3. Undergraduate students in good academic standing who wish to take more than seven (7) hours in one five-week summer session or more than fourteen (14) hours total in the summer term must get a recommendation from their academic dean’s office *and*  be approved by the [Academic Standards Committee.](http://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/academic-standards-committee-petition.php) In addition to the summer limits above, undergraduate students may enroll in a May Intersession up to a maximum of one lecture or lab course, with the exception of co-requisite courses, for a maximum of four (4) hours.
4. For students with severe injury or illness of a temporary or permanent nature, less than twelve (12) hours may be certified on a semester-by-semester basis as full-time with the approval of the student’s dean and the documented concurrence of a physician or licensed examiner.