

Minimum Credit Requirements by Semester

The Graduate School considers full-time enrollment to be 8-15 graded credits taken at 300 or above, excluding pass/fail and audit, during the fall and spring semesters, and 4-12 credits during the summer term. If students elect not to enroll as full-time students as defined by the Graduate School, they are responsible for knowing about possible obligations that may require full-time status. Such obligations may include visa eligibility, fellowships, assistantships, financial aid, external funding agencies, and program satisfactory progress requirements. For more information on minimum credit requirements visit:

<https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/enrollment-requirements/>

Categories	Minimum enrollment for full-time status: Fall or Spring	Minimum enrollment for full-time status: Summer (general 8-week DHH session)
Dissertator	Exactly 3 credits directly related to research	Not required unless receiving summer degree or if graduate assistant, trainee, or fellow, 3 cr. required.
RA, non-dissertator	8 cr.	2 cr.
TA/Lecturer (SA) 33%, non-dissertator	6 cr.	Not required unless receiving summer degree, 2 cr. minimum.
TA/Lecturer (SA) 50%, non-dissertator	4 cr.	Not required unless receiving summer degree, 2 cr. minimum.
PA 33%, non-dissertator	6 cr.	Not required unless receiving summer degree, 2 cr. minimum.
PA 50%, non-dissertator	4 cr.	Not required unless receiving summer degree, 2 cr. minimum.
Fellow, non-dissertator	8 cr.	2 cr. for 12-month appointments. Not required for 9-month appointments.
Trainee, non-dissertator	8 cr.	2 cr.
International student (F-1/J-1 visa), non-dissertator, if no other category in this list	8 cr.	4 cr. when summer is admit semester (2 cr. when summer is admit semester and student holds RA appointment or at least 33% TA or PA appointment)
If none of the above, full time enrollment is:	8 cr.	4 cr.

Minimum Credit Requirements for Completing Your Degree

For **M.S. students** entering the Department of Integrative Biology **before the Fall 2014 semester**, a minimum of 18 graduate credits is required: 6 must be earned in formal courses (other than research/seminars/conference). Of the 18 credits, 14 (research and seminars included) must be taken in the department.

For **M.S. students** entering the Department of Integrative Biology **during or after the Fall 2014 semester**, a minimum of 30 graduate credits is required. Of the 30 credits, 16 credits must come from the department specific courses listed in the [Timeline for Satisfactory Progress](#).

For **Ph.D. students** entering Department of Integrative Biology **before the Fall 2014 semester**, there are no minimum degree requirements for a Ph.D., but dissertator status will not be granted until after 32 credits have been completed.

For **Ph.D. students** entering the Department of Integrative Biology **during or after the Fall 2014 semester**, 51 credits must be completed to earn a Ph.D. Of those 51 credits, at least 26 credits must come from the department specific courses listed in the [Timeline for Satisfactory Progress](#).