Motion in Support of Full-Time Status for Students
with Reduced Course Load with DRO Approval

Referred by the Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

Proposal: Allow eligible students with disabilities the accommodation of full-time status with a reduced course load when such an accommodation is approved by the Disability Resource Office.

Rationale: Radford University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, ADAAA of 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These laws mandate that the University provide reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities, including reduced course load.

*Falling below full-time status may affect students in various areas of university life, including but not limited to: slowing their progress toward a degree, Financial Aid, athletics eligibility, on-campus housing, and university billing. Students requesting reduced course load are responsible for knowing the impact of falling below full time status and contacting affected departments.

Catalog Changes:

Undergraduate Catalog

Fall and Spring Semesters

Any undergraduate student who is carrying 12 or more semester hours of credit is considered to be a full-time student, unless reduced course load accommodations have been approved by the Disability Resource Office. To be eligible to live in a residence hall, a student must carry an academic load of nine or more semester hours.

The normal class load during a regular session is 15-16 semester hours. No student may carry more than 18 semester hours without the written permission of the student’s academic dean.

Summer Sessions

Any undergraduate student who enrolls in 12 or more semester hours of credit during one or any combination of summer sessions will be considered a full-time student, unless reduced course load accommodations have been approved by the Disability Resource Office.

Any undergraduate student who enrolls in 6 to 11 semester hours of credit during one or any combination of summer sessions will be considered a part-time student.

The maximum course loads permitted during the summer sessions are: Maymester - seven (7) credit hours*; Summer I – ten (10) credit hours* (*or a combined total of ten (10) credit hours for Maymester and Summer I); Summer II – ten (10) credit hours; Summer III – eighteen (18) credit hours. A student may enroll for a maximum of eighteen (18) semester hours of credit using any combination of enrollments in the summer session. No student may attempt more than the
maximum number of credit hours per session or for the entire summer without the written permission of the student’s academic dean.

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**Graduate Catalog**

**Full-Time Status**

The normal full-time load for a graduate student is nine graduate hours per semester, with a maximum of 14. A student may enroll in 15 graduate credit hours, but no more, without permission only if one or more of those credits involves a local field placement. A graduate student who is employed full-time or part-time must realize that an excessive course load might well result in substandard performance in academics and on the job.

**Summer Sessions**

Any graduate student who enrolls in six or more semester hours of credit during Summer Session III or a combination totaling six semester hours of enrollment in the Maymester, Summer Session I, Summer Session II and Summer Session III, will be considered a full-time student, unless reduced course load accommodations have been approved by the Disability Resource Office.

A graduate student may enroll for a maximum of 14 semester hours of credit using any combination of enrollments in the summer sessions.

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