

## 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 requirements visit:

<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/#enrollmentrequirements>

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 **Master's students** entering the Department of Zoology **before the Fall 2014** semester, a minimum of 18 graduate credits is required: six must be earned in formal courses (other than research/seminars/conference). Of the 18 credits, 14 (research and seminars included) must be taken in Zoology.

For **Master's students** entering the Department of Zoology **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 courses listed in the Zoology Specific Courses listed in the Timeline for Satisfactory Progress and Progression Forms.

For **Ph.D. students** entering Department of Zoology **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 Zoology **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 courses listed in the Zoology Specific Courses listed in the Timeline for Satisfactory Progress and Progression Forms.