Procedure Statement

For reporting purposes and to conform to commonly accepted standards and practices for degree programs, Texas A&M University-Commerce has determined the course load for graduate students.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure outlines the course load for graduate students and graduate assistants.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1 GRADUATE STUDENT

1.1 Fall or spring semester: the maximum load for a full-time graduate student is 15 credit hours. A student taking 9 or more credit hours is considered full-time.

1.2 Summer session: the maximum load for a full-time graduate student for each summer term is 7 credit hours. A student taking 6 credit hours in a summer term (summer I or II) is considered full-time for that term. A student taking 9 credit hours (combination of Summer I and II) is considered full-time for the entire summer (summer I and II).

1.3 Any exceptions to 1.1 or 1.2 must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

2 GRADUATE ASSISTANT

2.1 Fall and spring semester: the course load for a full-time graduate assistant is 6-12 credit hours.

2.2 Summer session: the course load for a full-time graduate assistant is 3-7 credit hours.
3  DOCTORAL STUDENT

A doctoral student admitted to candidacy and enrolled in 3 credit hours of 718 Dissertation is considered half-time.

4  MASTER’S STUDENT

A master’s student who has completed all other course work and is enrolled in 3 credit hours of 518 Thesis is considered half-time.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Suspends University Procedure 11.04.99.R0.19 Graduate Student Course Load

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