

## **Continuous Registration Policies for Peer/Aspirant Institutions**

**UWF:** After registering for the first thesis credit, graduate students must be continuously enrolled each semester (excluding summer) until the thesis is approved by the Graduate School and all degree requirements have been completed. Failure to register for thesis hours for 3 consecutive semesters will result in the student having to reapply to the program, subject to the policies and procedures in effect at that time. Students who do not maintain continuous enrollment will be charged for 1 semester hour of thesis credit per semester for each semester during the time they were not continuously registered. A thesis grade of "G" (deferred) will be given until the final thesis has been approved...

**FGCU:** In order to maintain active status as degree-seeking, a student must be enrolled during at least one (1) semester each calendar year unless granted a leave of absence by the program. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the student being dropped from the program and his or her status being changed to that of non-degree seeking. ... Students must complete a minimum of one (1) credit hour during the semester in which they apply for graduation.

**FAMU:** Graduate students must maintain continuous enrollment in at least one credit hour in their respective academic programs and until all degree requirements have been completed. Students are required to enroll in at least one credit hour during the last semester in which they expect to graduate. ... Students completing theses or dissertations must register each term until the degree is awarded.

**NAU:** Students must register for a minimum of one credit each Fall and Spring semester. Students using research or other university facilities, and/or the professional time of faculty members should enroll for at least 3 units. During the term students complete and defend their thesis or dissertation, they must enroll for at least 1 unit or the number of units accurately reflecting the demand on faculty time. Programs may require students to enroll for additional units.

**UNC Charlotte:** Students in graduate degree programs are required to maintain continuous registration (fall and spring semesters) for thesis, dissertation, project, or directed study until work is completed. Students are not required to enroll in any summer term unless they are using campus facilities or they are completing degree requirements in that term. Students using University resources should enroll in the number of graduate credit hours that best reflects the amount of resources being used (typically three (3) or more graduate credit hours). The continuous registration requirement begins with the semester in which the student first registers for his/her thesis, dissertation, project, or directed study. Students must be enrolled during the term (semester or summer) in which they graduate from the University.

**Portland State:** PSU requires that graduate students who are involved in activities requiring faculty time or the use of University facilities register every term (excluding summer), including those engaged in any phase of research, such as collecting or developing data, or when engaged in any aspects of a project, thesis, or dissertation. ... A

minimum of 1 graduate credit of registration is required in any term (including summer) when students are completing a major milestone for the degree such as taking any comprehensive or final examination, when holding a thesis/dissertation proposal or defense, and in the term of final thesis/dissertation submission and graduation. ... After advancement to candidacy, doctoral students must be continuously enrolled for a minimum of 1 graduate credit every term (excluding summer) through the term of graduation. ...The student's department can require additional registration in any given term in relation to the amount of time required of faculty or the use of University facilities during the term.

**Appalachian State:** The University of North Carolina requires that graduate students be enrolled for at least one credit hour during the semester in which they graduate. If you are not enrolled during the semester in which you plan to graduate, the University will automatically enroll you for one hour of graduate research credit at the current tuition rate for one semester hour... [There is an] enrollment requirement of one credit hour for graduation or for access to facilities needed to complete research for a thesis, product of learning or other capstone experience....

**James Madison U:** All students enrolled in graduate degree programs must enroll each regular semester (Spring and Fall) for a minimum of one graduate credit hour. This registration must continue with no breaks in enrollment from the first graduate program course to graduation. This policy does not include Summer sessions. It is preferable that students enroll in courses relevant to their graduate program to facilitate timely completion. If it is not possible to do so, however, The Graduate School has established a one-credit continuous enrollment course, GRAD 597. The tuition for this course is \$50.00. No grade will be assigned for this course. This course allows those students who are not intending to register for any other courses during the current semester to continue in their program in good standing. This course may be repeated as needed.

**UMBC:** Once admitted to a graduate program, each student has the obligation to continue a course of study and must register every semester in the academic year (both fall and spring semesters). Failure to comply with the requirement to register every semester will be taken as evidence that the student has terminated his or her program and admission status in the Graduate School. A new application for admission with the consequent re-evaluation of the student's performance may be required of a student wishing to resume a graduate program terminated under this regulation.

**Towson U:** Students are expected to maintain continuous registration in a thesis/dissertation course (or continuum) each academic term until they successfully complete all of the requirements of the thesis/dissertation. This also includes summer and minimester for those students who are working with their chairperson or committee members on their thesis/dissertation during these terms.