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## How Does the Financial Aid Office Determine Enrollment Level?

### There are four enrollment levels:

<b>Full-time</b>	12 or more credits
<b>¾-time</b>	9 – 11.5 credits
<b>½-time</b>	6 – 8.5 credits
<b>Less than ½-time</b>	.5 – 5.5 credits

For a class to count towards a student's financial aid enrollment level, the following criteria must be met:

- The student is in a financial aid-eligible program of study
- The program of study is under a valid MCC catalog year
  - Valid catalogs for the **2016-2017** year are **2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, and 2013-2014**
- The student was enrolled in the class as of the quarterly census date
- The class is required for the student's program of study (the program of study as of the census date)
- The instructor reported that the student is participating in the class
- If the course is a repeated course:
  - The student has not yet received a grade of R, P, D or better in the course **OR**
  - It is the first time the student has repeated the course since receiving a grade of R, P, D or better in the course

### Census Dates for 2016-2017:

<b>Fall</b>	September 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Winter</b>	December 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Spring</b>	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Summer</b>	June 12 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> 5wk Session
	June 19 <sup>th</sup> – 10wk Session
	July 18 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5wk Session



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## **Do You Have to be Full-Time to Receive Financial Aid?**

Although original award letters are based on full-time attendance, most students do not have to be full-time to receive financial aid.

### **Pell Grant**

Pell grants are prorated based on enrollment level. For example, if your Pell grant for fall quarter is \$1,000 based on full-time attendance (12 or more credits), but you only attend  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time (9-11 credits), your Pell grant for that quarter will be reduced to \$750, if you attend  $\frac{1}{2}$ -time (6-8 credits), your Pell grant for that quarter will be reduced to \$500, and if you are less than half-time (1-5 credits), your Pell grant for that quarter will be reduced to \$250.

**Exception:** Students with an Expected Family Contributions (EFC) of 3501 – 4700 must be enrolled at least half-time (6-8.5 credits) to receive a Pell grant, students with an EFC of 4701-5000 must be enrolled at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time (9-11.5 credits) to receive a Pell grant, and students with an EFC of 5001-5234 must be enrolled full-time (12 or more credits) to receive a Pell Grant.

### **Loans**

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of **6** credits at the time their federal student loans are certified and at the time their federal student loans are disbursed. If they are not enrolled in at least **6** credits at the time of disbursement, the disbursement will be cancelled. Loan amounts for students whose enrollment level is less than full-time for any quarter will be reviewed each quarter to determine if the loan amounts exceed the adjusted Cost of Attendance and therefore need to be reduced.