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Course Load Policy

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Policy Statement

The normal course load at the Medical College of Georgia varies with the degree program. Students may be required to register for a course load less than the normal load if this action is determined to be advisable in light of the student's academic standing or for other reasons. An undergraduate student who in any semester registers for less than 12 semester credit hours and a graduate studies or professional student who registers for less than 9 semester credit hours is considered a part-time student; a student who registers for more hours than these is considered a full-time student. No student in the Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate Studies, or Nursing may register without special approval from his/her Dean for any hours above the norm (including audit courses) in any given academic semester.

The School of Medicine does not admit students on a part-time basis. Students may, with appropriate approval, carry lesser academic loads than other students because of academic or scheduling problems. However, these students are considered to be committed to full-time pursuit of the Doctor of Medicine degree.

All Doctor of Dental Medicine degree-seeking students are considered to be full-time and are expected to devote full-time efforts toward completing requirements for the degree. Most students complete the program in four calendar years and take a uniform semester course schedule. Other students may, with special permission, complete the degree program in more than four years and take a variable semester course load designed to meet their academic or scheduling circumstances. The only exception to this rule is for part-time School of Dentistry faculty who may be allowed to register as part-time students in order to complete the DMD degree. A limited number of special students, who are not degree-seeking, may also be permitted to enroll part-time.

Reason For Policy

This policy defines what is considered a normal course load for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at the Medical College of Georgia.

Entities Affected By This Policy

All students enrolled at the Medical College of Georgia are affected by this policy.

Who Should Read This Policy

All Medical College of Georgia students, staff, and faculty should read this policy.

Contacts

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Website Address For This Policy

<http://www.mcg.edu/aaffairs/policies/pdfs/p412.pdf>

Related Documents

Medical College of Georgia Office of the Registrar:

<http://www.mcg.edu/students/Registrar/regulations/normal-courseload.html>

Overview

Each program at the Medical College of Georgia has a defined curricula that determines the course load for each semester. Graduate and professional students registered for less than 9 semester credit hours and undergraduate students registered for less than 12 semester credit hours are considered part-time students. Different criteria exist for School of Medicine and School of Dentistry students, as described in the Policy Statement.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities each party has in connection with Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Policy 4.12, Course Load Policy, are:

Students	Register for classes following the criteria set forth in this policy.
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