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How Does the Financial Aid Office Determine Enrollment Level?

There are four enrollment levels:

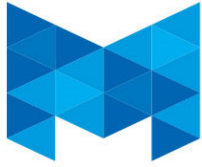
Full-time	12 or more credits
¾-time	9 – 11.5 credits
½-time	6 – 8.5 credits
Less than ½-time	.5 – 5.5 credits

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 **2023-2024** year are **2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021-2022, and 2020-2021**
- 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 2023-2024:

Fall	September 18 th
Winter	December 15 th
Spring	March 20 th
Summer	June 18 th



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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 3901 – 5200 must be enrolled at least half-time (6-8.5 credits) to receive a Pell grant, students with an EFC of 5201-5600 must be enrolled at least $\frac{3}{4}$ -time (9-11.5 credits) to receive a Pell grant, and students with an EFC of 5601-5846 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.