



## PART-TIME ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID

A student is considered a full-time degree candidate if he is enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester. To make satisfactory progress toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation [within four years], every student should plan to complete at least 15-16 credit hours each semester.

Students may apply to receive credit for college courses taken through another accredited college or university if they earn a grade of C or higher. The grades and hours earned are recorded on the academic transcript, but no quality points are given and the H-SC grade-point average is unaffected. Credit hours earned through transfer may permit a student to explore the possibility of taking a reduced load for his final semester. A formal written request must be made to the Dean of the Faculty if a student decides to pursue this course of action.

For students who receive approval from the Dean of the Faculty to carry less than 12 credit hours for their final semester, College policy provides for a proration of financial aid originally offered for the semester.

EXAMPLE: If a student needs only 10 credit hours to complete his graduation requirement, he will be billed for tuition by the credit hour. The percentage difference between part-time tuition and full-time tuition will be used to calculate the portion of grants and scholarships for which the student is eligible in his final semester.

Calculation example using 2021-2022 costs: 10 credit hours x \$1,472 per credit hour = \$14,720

\$14,720, or 62.6%  
\$23,507

### SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID OFFER FOR SEMESTER\*

<u>Patrick Henry</u>	<u>H-SC Grant</u>	<u>VA TAG</u>
\$10,500	\$ 5,250	\$ 2,000
<u>x 62.6</u>	<u>x 62.6</u>	<u>x 62.6</u>
\$ 6,573	\$ 3,286	\$ 1,252

\*With regard to federal loans: If the final semester is the fall semester (or 7<sup>th</sup> semester), the maximum loan for which the student is eligible must be prorated. If the final semester is the spring semester (or 8<sup>th</sup> semester), the student may be eligible to borrow the maximum semester loan, provided the amount falls within the reduced cost of attendance minus other aid for the semester.

NOTE: If the final semester is a 9<sup>th</sup> semester, and the student has already received the maximum of 8 semesters of financial aid, per College policy, the student is not eligible for a proration of financial aid, unless he had previously been granted a 9<sup>th</sup> semester of financial aid through an appeal of special circumstances.