



METROPOLITAN
Community College

How Does the Financial Aid Office Determine Enrollment Level?

There are four enrollment levels:

Full-time	12 or more credits
$\frac{3}{4}$-time	9 – 11.5 credits
$\frac{1}{2}$-time	6 – 8.5 credits
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$-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 **2022-2023** year are **2022-2023, 2021-2022, 2020-2021, and 2019-2020**
- 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 2022-2023:

Fall	September 19 th
Winter	December 14 th
Spring	March 22 nd
Summer	June 16 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.

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.