

2011-13 Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Catalog Addenda

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Continuous Enrollment Requirement

Students in graduate degree programs requiring a thesis, dissertation or internship or record of study, who have completed all course work on their degree plans, are required to be in continuous registration until all requirements for the degree have been completed. Failure to maintain continuous enrollment will either invalidate any previous credit or will result in the student’s dismissal by the dean. Registering either “In Absentia” or “In Residence” may satisfy the continuous registration requirement. Components may have additional or higher requirements.

Students attempting to meet continuous enrollment requirements are designated as a full-time student in the final semester of their degree program when registering for only the minimum number of hours necessary to complete their degree. These students are not eligible for financial aid. These students must be in residence. Students who register to comply with the continuous enrollment requirement and are not in residence must register and pay for at least one semester hour as an “In Absentia” registrant.

Registration during the summer term will not be required to fulfill the continuous registration requirement, unless a student plans to take examinations, graduate in the summer, defend a thesis or dissertation, or use any HSC resources (faculty time, library, etc.). A student must be enrolled in the semester in which s/he graduates.

To remain in compliance with the Continuous Enrollment Policy, students must be registered for a minimum of one semester credit hour each term. This includes students who are taking only comprehensives, final examinations, or defending the thesis or dissertation. Also, students not in residence while writing a thesis or dissertation but using faculty assistance, university services or facilities such as sending chapters to an advisor by mail or email for review, must register in residence for a minimum of one semester credit hour per term. Registration should be for thesis or research or other appropriate component designated course.

International students and students receiving financial aid or assistantships must consult with each respective office to ensure requirements are met to maintain eligibility and proper status for these programs.