Graduate Student Classification

Regular Student

Those students who are admitted to a degree program.

Conditional Student

Students whose admissions files are missing documentation. A student who has not provided required documentation for admission by the due date for final grades for the student's first academic term will not be permitted to register for a future term.

Special Student

Special students are enrolled on a part-time basis (no more than 6 semester hours per semester). Credit can be earned for a maximum of 12 semester hours over time. Students interested in taking more than 12 semester hours must make a formal application to the degree program through Northeastern University's online application portal (https://camd.northeastern.edu/apply/). Special students who do not register for four consecutive semesters (excluding summer semester) will be subject to review and possible withdrawal by CAMD graduate studies.

Student Status

For academic purposes, a graduate student is considered a full-time student if enrolled in a minimum of 8 semester hours of credit for the semester, with the following exceptions:

- A student is considered full time if enrolled in a full-time co-op (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/ cooperative-education/).
- Students enrolled in PhD program Dissertation or PhD program Dissertation Continuation are considered full time.

Note: Full-time status may be defined differently for federal loan purposes. For information, contact Student Financial Services (https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/), 617.373.5899.