

Financial Aid Fact Sheet: Financial Aid Enrollment Status & Aid Eligibility



What is your enrollment status?

If your number of aid-eligible credits is:	Your enrollment status is:
12 or more	Full time
9–11	3/4 time
6–8	Half time
1–5	Less than half time

Not included in your enrollment status:

- Dropped courses
- Courses that you never attended (NA grade)
- Audited courses are not eligible for financial aid.

Your financial aid enrollment status includes only aid-eligible credits:

Coursework in your program of study

Only coursework required for your program of study is aid-eligible and can be included in your enrollment status.

Pre-requisite coursework

Only a pre-requisite course that is also a required course for your program is aid-eligible and can be included in your enrollment status.

Developmental coursework

Only 30 attempted credits of required developmental course work is aid-eligible and can be included in your enrollment status.

Repeated coursework

A course that you have already passed with a D or higher can be repeated one time only to be aid-eligible and included in your enrollment status.

What is the minimum enrollment status for financial aid eligibility?

Each financial aid program has different requirements for enrollment status. All aid is awarded by HCC based on anticipated full-time enrollment. Then the aid is adjusted and disbursed based on your “financial aid enrollment status” on the term’s Census date. In general, these are those enrollment status requirements by aid program:

Federal Pell Grant	Pell Grants are pro-rated by enrollment status for EFCs of 3500 or less (proration example—half-time enrollment status makes you eligible for 50% of the full-time status award) <i>*For EFCs of 3501 or more, contact the FAS office for proration information.</i>
Federal SEOG Grant	SEOG grants required half-time enrollment or more. Awards are pro-rated by enrollment status.
Federal Student Loans	Require half-time enrollment status or more; not pro-rated
Maryland Educational Assistance Grants	Require full-time enrollment
Maryland Part-time Grants	Require enrollment status of half time or three-quarter time.
Howard Community College Grants	Awards are pro-rated by enrollment status.
HCC Donor Scholarships	Require half-time enrollment status or more; Awards are pro-rated by enrollment status.

View your aid award amounts based on current enrollment status in Self-Service under “Finance/My Financial Activity.”