GRADUATE CREDIT HOUR DEFINITIONS

Please note the following change to the definition of graduate credit hours. Members of Philadelphia University’s administrative staff are working with the federal government to implement these changes as early as the summer 2013 semester.

Philadelphia University will define graduate credit hours in the following way:

- 6 & > Credits is equal to **Full-time**
- 3 to 5.999 credits is equal to **Half-time** and
- 0.5 to 2.999 is equal to **less time**.

*Background information:*
Credit load definitions describe a student’s status as full-time, half-time or less. The change in graduate credit load definitions provides graduate students and program directors greater flexibility in course scheduling, course sequencing and program design. The approved changes also allow graduate students to be eligible for federal financial aid while taking as few as 3 graduate credits in a semester. This change benefits a number of our graduate students who require federal financial assistance to earn their graduate degree.