Study Load

Academic terms are broadly defined by these designations: fall, spring, and summer (sometimes titled Summer B). Sessions of varying numbers of weeks are offered within each term. The total number of units in which a student enrolls in any number of sessions within one term determines a student's enrollment status for study load standards, financial aid eligibility, and prior student loan deferment purposes. For example, 3 units taken in 8-week session 1 and 6 units taken in 8-week session 2 combine for a total of 9 units for that term.

All units earned through Azusa Pacific University, regardless of the number of weeks in the session in which they are taken, are semester units. See the Academic Calendar (https://www.apu.edu/calendar/academic/) for specific term and session information.

For the Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology: Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) program and Substance Use Disorders certificate, as well as the Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics program, enrollment status is calculated as follows:

Fall or Spring

- 4 units is half-time status
- 5-6 units is three-quarter-time status
- 7 or more units is full-time status

Summer

- 3-4 units is half-time status
- 5 units is three-quarter-time status
- 6 or more units is full-time status

For nursing master's degree and credential/certificate programs, the Master of Public Health (MPH) program, and the postbaccalaureate Artist Certificate Program, enrollment status is calculated as follows:

Fall, Spring, or Summer

- 3-4 units is half-time status
- 5 units is three-quarter-time status
- 6 or more units is full-time status

For the Master of Social Work (MSW) program and master's degrees within the School of Theology: Azusa Pacific Seminary, enrollment status is calculated as follows:

Fall or Spring

- 4-5 units is half-time status
- 6-7 units is three-quarter-time status
- 8 or more units is full-time status

Summer

- 3-4 units is half-time status
- 5 units is three-quarter-time status
- 6 or more units is full-time status

For teaching credential/certificate programs, enrollment status is calculated as follows:

Fall, Spring, or Summer

- 6-8 units is half-time status
- 9-11 units is three-quarter-time status
- 12 or more units is full-time status

For all other master's degrees and certificate/credential-only programs not mentioned above, enrollment status is calculated as follows:

Fall or Spring

- 5-6 units is half-time status
- 7-8 units is three-quarter-time status
- 9 or more units is full-time status

Summer

- 3-4 units is half-time status
- 5 units is three-quarter-time status
- 6 or more units is full-time status

For doctoral and clinical fellowship programs, enrollment status is calculated as follows:

Fall, Spring, or Summer

- 3-4 units is half-time status
- 5 units is three-quarter-time status
- 6 or more units is full-time status

With certain restrictions, students at the dissertation level are considered full time if enrolled in any one of the following courses:

Code	Title	Units
EDL 770	Dissertation Milestone: Proposal B	1
EDL 771	Dissertation Milestone: Proposal C	2
EDL 772	Dissertation Milestone: Finalizing the Proposal	2
EDL 773	Dissertation Milestone: Data Collection	1
EDL 774	Dissertation Milestone: Data Analysis	1
EDL 776	Dissertation Milestone: Results, Discussion, and Conclusion	2
EDL 777	Dissertation	2
GDMN 790	Ministry Project	4
GDMN 792	Ministry Project Continuation	0
GNRS 732	DNP Clinical Residency	0
GNRS 733A	Residency IA	1
GNRS 733B	Residency IB	1
GNRS 733C	Residency IC	1
GNRS 734A	Residency IIA	1
GNRS 734B	Residency IIB	1
GNRS 734C	Residency IIC	1
GNRS 735	DNP Scholarly Project Seminar	3
GNRS 736	DNP Scholarly Project Seminar: Evaluation and Dissemination	2
GNRS 780	Doctoral Seminar I: Elements of a Proposal and IRB Application	3
GNRS 781	Doctoral Seminar II: Developing a Grant Proposal	3
GNRS 782	Doctoral Seminar III: Writing for Publication	3
GNRS 783	Doctoral Seminar IV: Developing Professional Presentations	3
GNRS 784	Dissertation Seminar V	2-4
GNRS 798	Continuous Doctoral Study	0
HED 791	Dissertation Proposal I	1
HED 792	Dissertation Proposal II	1
HED 794	Dissertation Research I	3
HED 795	Dissertation Research II	3
HED 796	Dissertation Proposal Seminar	3
HED 797	Dissertation Research	3
HEDL 785	Dissertation Proposal	1
HEDL 787	Dissertation Seminar	2
HEDL 789	Dissertation Research	3-4
PPSY 720	Clinical and Professional Consultation	1

PPSY 731	Dissertation Development	1
PPSY 745	Dissertation I	1
PPSY 746	Dissertation II	1
PPSY 747	Dissertation III	1
PPSY 748	Dissertation IV	1
PPSY 750	Predoctoral Internship	1
PPSY 752	Predoctoral Internship	0
PPSY 755	Dissertation V	1
PPSY 756	Dissertation VI	1
PPSY 787	Dissertation Continuation	0
PPSY 795	Dissertation Continuation	3
RMS 720	Dissertation I: Introduction and Literature Review	3
RMS 721	Dissertation II: Methods and Research Proposal	3
RMS 722	Dissertation III: Data Collection, Results, and Analysis	3
RMS 723	Dissertation IV: Discussion and Research Defense	3
RMS 749	Dissertation Continuation I	1
RMS 750	Dissertation Continuation II	1