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Full-time Definitions for Immigration Purposes

Students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs are considered full-time for immigration purposes if they meet any one of the following definitions as per St. Francis Xavier University:

- Enrolled in a minimum of 18 credits from September to April, including a minimum of 9 credits from September to December and a minimum of 9 credits from January to April.
- Enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits from September to December or enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits from January to April if enrolled in one term only.
- Enrolled in a minimum of 18 credits from September to August in the MSc or MA programs.
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits from May to June
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits from July to August

Students are also considered full time for immigration purposes in the following instances:

- Final academic term: Registered in any number of credits needed to meet the requirements for their degree program.
- Co-operative Education Work Term: During the time in which students are participating in a cooperative education work term.
- Program internship: During the time in which students are participating in a program internship.
- Students with Academic Accommodations: Students with academic accommodation registered in 6 or more credits and have been approved for a reduced course as load as determined by the Dean of their Faculty or the Tramble Centre for Accessible Learning.
- Graduate Level Thesis Students: Students engaged in full-time studies toward completion of their program, as determined by the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies
- Exchange Program: StFX students participating in an exchange program and registered in the Exchange course at StFX. The Exchange course must be at least 9 credits for one term and at least 18 credits from September -April.
- Interim until Post Graduate Work Permit letter is available: StFX students who have completed their degree program requirements and whose PGWP letter is not yet available for release.

Sincerely,

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