

Short hours form is intended for:

- Students who may be obtaining financial aid and need to be at least a half-time student.
- Students who may be deferring previous student loans and need to be at least a half-time student.
- Student employees seeking FICA exemption who are enrolled less than half-time and are engaged in research in fulfillment of their degree.

To learn more about how enrollment status affects Financial Aid eligibility, please visit the [Office of Student Financial Aid's Eligibility Page](#).

To learn more about the tax-exempt status, please visit [HR's Student FICA Information Page](#).

International students enrolling below 9 sh should submit a [part-time authorization request to ISSS](#) in addition to the Short Hours Form.

If you have any questions about this process, please email your Grad Coordinator and/or the Graduate College (gradcoll@uiowa.edu).

Additional academic activity eligibility:

Student is engaged in the following activities that are not reflected in their course enrollment:

- Research in fulfillment of degree requirement
- Writing a dissertation or thesis
- Preparing a prospectus
- Gaining facility in a foreign language/other tools
- Preparing for a comprehensive/final exam
- Internships
- Research/Teaching Assistantship (RA/TA)