

Policies for Awarding Graduate Tuition Waivers College of Engineering

Effective Fall 2024

- In accordance with NDSU policy, graduate students receiving an assistantship greater than or equal to half-time (10 hours/week) are charged tuition at the in-state rate (called the GA Tuition Rate). Current graduate tuition rates can be found [here](#).
- Graduate students holding a full-time assistantship (20 hours/week) are eligible for a full tuition waiver from the College of Engineering. Graduate students holding a part-time assistantship (greater than or equal to 10 hours/week but less than 20 hours/week) are eligible for a 50% tuition waiver from the CoE.
 - The level of the tuition waiver (100% or 50%) will be dictated by the student's contracted employment on the official enrollment census date for the semester.
 - Students MUST work a minimum of 160 hours in a semester to be eligible for a tuition waiver. If a student terminates the assistantship before meeting these hours, the tuition waiver will be reversed and the student will be responsible for all tuition.
- Graduate tuition waivers will only cover the cost of base tuition (approximately 90% of engineering tuition). Mandatory student fees are not covered by the waiver.
- Students receiving a tuition waiver will be required to enroll in a minimum of 6 credits per semester during the fall and spring semesters.
 - Students in their final semester may enroll in fewer than 6 credits (one-time only).
 - Students who will meet their maximum eligible credits (shown below) will still be required to enroll in a minimum of 6 credits. Only the value of the remaining credits will be waived.
- Students will be eligible to receive a tuition waiver during the summer semester, provided
 - they hold an assistantship during the summer semester, or
 - they have received a tuition waiver during the preceding or following academic term (spring or fall semester).
 - No minimum credit load is required during the summer semester.
- Students are eligible to receive a tuition waiver until the maximum number of credits shown below is reached, based on the type of degree. These credit limits apply to all graduate credits, regardless of whether or not they were covered by a tuition waiver at NDSU.
 - Master's degree – 33 credits
 - PhD degree (with Master's) – 63 credits
 - PhD degree (without Master's) – 93 credits
 - Students who are simultaneously enrolled in a graduate certificate program offered by the College of Engineering may exceed these limits by the number of credits required for the certificate (one certificate allowed per degree).
- Students are allowed one engineering tuition waiver package per degree type (i.e. one Master's and one PhD from the College of Engineering).
- Students enrolled in an accelerated degree program (bachelor's to master's) are eligible for a full waiver of base tuition on their graduate credits if they hold a minimum of a half- time assistantship (at least 10 hours/week). This waiver will not be applied to undergraduate credits.
 - Students within an accelerated degree program are not required to meet a minimum number of enrolled credits, while still enrolled as an undergraduate student.
 - Accelerated program exceptions expire upon completion of the BS degree at which point the student transitions to full graduate standing.
- Graduate students who receive funding for tuition from other sources (e.g., grant funds, foreign governments, etc.) will not be eligible for a tuition waiver from the College of Engineering, regardless of their assistantship status.