

# **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

## **Graduate School Continuous Enrollment Policy**

All full- and part-time degree-seeking graduate students must be continuously enrolled. Continuous enrollment is defined as registration for a minimum of one credit hour in at least two semesters in a given academic year (fall, spring, summer) until the degree is awarded or status as a degree-seeking student is terminated through an official university withdrawal.\* Students must register for the term in which they take their examinations, defend their dissertations, and complete degree requirements (including summer term). Although the Graduate School and individual graduate programs will monitor the enrollment status of graduate students, it is ultimately the responsibility of graduate students to ensure that they are meeting the enrollment provisions of this policy.

\*Students who enroll for the first time during spring or summer semesters will not be declared inactive if they register in at least two semesters during their first full and subsequent academic years.

The Graduate School, if circumstances warrant, may grant exceptions to the Continuous Enrollment Policy. Appeals should be made directly to the dean of the Graduate School.