



## Request to Waive Full-time Status during Final Semester for Graduate Assistants Pursuing a Master's Degree

### From the Graduate Assistant Handbook

Effective with the Fall 2024 semester, the requirement that graduate assistants be registered as full-time students can be waived for a GA who is pursuing a master's degree and is in their **final semester** before graduation.

- In that case the minimum enrollment is three (3) credits of coursework that counts toward degree requirements. Students will also have to register for GRAD 600 or 601 to retain FICA exemption. Otherwise, the student and the funding source will each be charged 7.5% in FICA taxes (domestic students and some international students).
- To apply for this waiver the student must submit the [Application for Graduation](#) and the Request for Waiver of Full-time Enrollment for a GA in the Final Semester signed by the graduate program director (GPD) by the first day of classes for the semester.

Name: **Harshitha Josyula**

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Campus ID: **SD89215**

Graduate Program: **DATA SCIENCE**

[Apply to Graduate](#)

Graduation Term: **Fall 2025**

(e.g. Spring 2025)

Student Signature:

Date:

International Student: **Yes**

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### International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS):

*For international students only - Requires ISSS approval to waive full-time status*

ISSS Director:

**Sarah Cockcroft**

Signature:

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*Sarah Cockcroft*  
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Date:

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### Program Director:

*Confirm student has applied for graduation*

Director of Progressions & Academic Services:

**Patricia Winborn**

Signature:

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*Patricia Winborn*  
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Date:

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### Program Director:

*Your signature below confirms approval of this Waiver Request*

Graduate Program Director:

**Masoud Soroush**

Signature:

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*Masoud Soroush*  
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Date:

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