

TA/GA Registration and Credit Limit Requirements

Please carefully review the critical enrollment rules below regarding Teaching Assistant (TA) and Graduate Assistant (GA) appointments, as well as non-matriculated credit limits.

TA/GA Appointment Eligibility & Registration Codes

To hold an assistantship, you must be a matriculated, degree-seeking student and maintain full-time graduate student status. Please ensure you are registered for the correct appointment code:

- * Full TA Appointments: Register for 6 E-credits using course code 877.
- * Full GA Appointments: Register for 6 E-credits using course code 866.
- * Part-TA Appointments (Half-time): Register for 3 E-credits using course code 878.
- * Part-GA Appointments (Half-time): Register for 3 E-credits using course code 867.

Maintaining Full-Time Credit Minimums

- * Pre-Qualifying Students: You must maintain a minimum of 9 total credits. Your TA/GA appointment code counts toward this, but you must register for enough academic or research coursework to bridge the gap (e.g., a full TA needs at least 3 academic credits; a part-TA needs at least 6 academic credits).
- * Registering for only 7 total credits as a pre-qualifying student will flag your account as non-compliant, risking the loss of health benefits, tuition remission, or student loan deferments.
- * Post-Qualifying Students: If you have passed your Ph.D. qualifying exams, your academic requirement drops to 1 dissertation research credit (Course 701/702). Combined with full TA/GA E-credits, a 7-credit total is correct and compliant.

Non-Matriculated Student Constraints

If you are currently taking courses under non-matriculated (non-degree) status, you cannot hold a TA/GA position and are bound by the following caps:

- * Semester Cap: Maximum of 6 credits per semester.
- * Lifetime Cap: Maximum of 12 credits total under this status.
- * Credit Transfers: If later admitted to a degree program, no more than 12 credits earned as a non-matriculated student can be transferred toward your degree.

Please ensure your schedule accurately reflects these codes and credit requirements. Reach out to Ms. Tang-Sinad Lena.tangsinad@rutgers.edu immediately if you need assistance.