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Proposed Policy on Enrollment as COOP Financial Aid Requirements

The Federal Department of Education guidelines state that each university must have a written policy regarding how to consider the enrollment of both graduate and undergraduate students for purposes of determining financial aid. "You may include any combination of courses, work, research, or special studies in your school's definition of workload. . ." The amount of time a student spends working in a COOP program is expected to be part of that calculation. The regulations specifically state the following in regards to the determination of full-time status:

- "... the work portion of a cooperative education program in which the amount of work performed is equivalent to the academic workload of a full-time student.'

Based on this information, both GPSC and Undergraduate Council are being asked to develop a policy to this effect.

<http://ifap.ed.gov/sfahandbooks/attachments/0607FSAHBkVol1Ch1.pdf>