Risks of Enrolling in Less than 12 Units in a Quarter

UCSB and the College of Engineering require all students to maintain full-time student status during regular academic quarters (fall/winter/spring). The full-time course minimum for undergraduate students is 12 units. Students who are enrolled in less than 12 units risk negative repercussions on and off campus.

In addition to lack of progress in the major, students may see reduction in or loss of:

- Student visa status
- Financial Aid
- University housing
- Scholarships (private and campus-based)
- Insurance benefits
- Athletics
- Club and intramural sports
- Extracurricular affiliations
- On and off campus employment
- University and College awards and honors

Please seek additional information from staff in the offices affiliated with these programs or representatives from private companies if you have concerns regarding your status. Some benefits listed above may be available for an additional fee.

Students in their final quarter at UCSB completing their degree may petition for a deficit course load and fee reduction. Please consult an academic advisor for more information.