



#### **TITLE OF POLICY**

Tuition Policy for students who are opting to complete an enrichment semester or academic year for research or a slower paced curricular time

#### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to delineate circumstances in which students are eligible for reduced tuition in a given semester

#### **RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE**

The Office of the Registrar within Student Affairs reviews the policy on an as-needed basis, and Education Committee approves it.

#### **LCME REFERENCE(S)**

N/A

#### **HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES**

Approved by Education Committee April 2020

Reviewed by Education Committee December 2025

#### **DEFINITION(S): N/A**

#### **POLICY**

The standard cost for completing the MD curriculum is typically 8 semesters of full tuition. Any exception to this would require extenuating circumstances and approval in advance. Effective AY2021-22 (fall semester) a reduced load is defined as one 6.0 credit hour course with partial tuition charged at a rate as determined by the University and must be approved in advance by the Office of Student Affairs. All other MD students will be assessed full tuition. Flat student fees will be charged at the full rate, regardless of course load.

Students who take only 6 credit hours are eligible for a reduced tuition rate. Student fees will continue to be charged at the full rate, thus allowing students to benefit from student fee-related services.

The SOM Office of Student Affairs is responsible for monitoring and confirming reduced-load enrollment eligibility. The SOM Financial Aid Office is responsible for updating financial aid awards based on cost of attendance changes due to tuition adjustments. Financial aid options will be provided to all MD program students affected by this proposed change. The SOM Financial Aid Office will notify affected students regarding any adjustments.

All students are responsible for the complete payment of all charges on their student account, including tuition and fees. On the infrequent occasion when a student withdraws from the UNC-Chapel Hill MD program or needs to take an LOA resulting in withdrawal from all their courses, a prorated refund of a portion of tuition and fees may be issued based on the date of the withdrawal. See the following University Cashier's Office website regarding the UNC the UNC Chapel Hill policy for



withdrawals, as well as course drops and related information: <https://registrar.unc.edu/>. To review UNC SOM policies, visit: <https://www.med.unc.edu/md/policies/>