Registration:
All graduate students must register for courses and pay fees each semester, not including summer and winter sessions, until the degree is awarded. Late fees are assessed for anyone who does not register before the first day of the semester.

A student who fails to register and who has not requested and received a waiver of registration or "Leave of Absence for Childbearing, Adoption, Illness or Dependent Care" will be notified by the Graduate School after the first day of classes that they must register for the current semester. If the student does not register, they will be dismissed from the Graduate School at the end of the semester for failure to comply with the continuous registration requirement.

Full time enrollment:
Students must enroll for 48 units of coursework each semester. A full time TA or RA counts as 24 units; an additional 24 units of coursework is required to be full time. Students that work and are funded off campus will need to enroll for the full 48 units of coursework.

The following table converts the conventional credit hours to units:

- Courses in the series: 000-399 carry 2 units per credit hour.
- Courses in the series: 400-499 carry 4 units per credit hour.
- Courses in the series: 500-599 carry 5 units per credit hour.
- Courses in the series: 600-897 carry 6 units per credit hour.
- Master's Research course: 799 carries 12 units per credit hour.
- Pre-candidacy Doctoral Research courses: 898 carries 18 units per credit hour.
- Doctoral Dissertation Research: 899 carries 18 units per credit hour. All doctoral candidates must pay candidacy tuition for which they will be registered for six (6) credit hours of 899; this defines all currently registered doctoral candidates as full-time.

Upon reaching candidacy, students will automatically be enrolled for 6 credits of BISI 899 each semester until they graduate. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that they are enrolled each semester.

Research Credits:
All students are to be registered for Research Credits, either 898 or 899, in their program and in their on-campus advisor’s section number. If you do not know or cannot find your advisor’s section in the correct course contact the BISI office. Ex. All BISI students should be in BISI 898 while legacy students should be in the corresponding course such as BIOL 898. Do not register for their section in a different program like ANSC or ENTM or VetMed.