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### Key takeaways:

- Enrollment requirements: You must be enrolled in at least 4 units to receive federal aid (loans, work-study), and typically 12 units for ASE, GSR, or most graduate awards (check with your program for specifics).
- Consequences: Falling below the required units may cause your aid to be canceled or reversed, potentially creating charges on your BruinBill.
- Action steps: Confirm unit requirements with your program, monitor enrollment before Week 3, and use Bruin Financial Aid (BFA) to track aid and disbursements.

Dear Graduate Student:

UCLA's new financial aid system, **Bruin Financial Aid (BFA)**, is now live. If you get any kind of graduate student funding (including federal student loans) there are a few important updates you need to know about enrollment and keeping your awards.

## Here's what you need to know about enrollment requirements:

- No financial support will disburse to your Bruin Bill if you are not enrolled in **at least 4 units** .
- If you receive federal student aid such as Federal Direct Loans, Graduate PLUS Loans, or Federal Work-Study you are required to be enrolled in **at least 4 units** .
- If you have an Academic Student Employee (ASE) or Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) position, you must be enrolled in **12 units** .
- If you're receiving graduate student support such as a **Division of Graduate Education award** , **departmental award** , or **program-based funding** , most awards require **12 units** , though some may require fewer. **Check with your program or funding source** to confirm what applies to you.
- For full details, you can refer to the [Graduate Student Support Manual](#).

If you fall below the required number of units for your financial support, your aid might be canceled or reversed and that could mean a charge on your BruinBill account.

## What to do:

- **Ask your program** what your specific enrollment requirement is.
- **Keep an eye on your enrollment throughout the quarter**, but especially before Week 3.
- **Use BFA** to check your aid and track disbursements.

## Want more info?

- [Graduate Student Support Manual](#)
- [Bruin Financial Aid Overview](#)

If you have questions about your federal student aid eligibility, [contact the main campus Financial Aid & Scholarships office via phone or message center](#). If you have questions about other graduate support, contact your graduate advisor.

Sincerely,

**Brian Kite**

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