

Comparative & Experimental Medicine Program—University of Tennessee

How Many Credit Hours Should You Take Each Semester?

3 hours: To retain your student health insurance.

6 hours: To maintain your ½ time assistantship.

9 hours: To avoid paying the student health service fee.

How Do You Know What Is Right for You?

International students: In most cases, 6 hours (with an assistantship) is sufficient to fulfill your immigration requirements. This is considered full-time study.

Cost-effective options for ALL students: Enrolling in fewer than 9 hours requires that you pay an \$84 per-semester fee to use the student health center. This fee is NOT optional under 9 hours. However, signing up for more credit hours increases your other mandatory fees. The table below outlines fees as they apply on a credit-hour basis. Use this to determine whether to enroll in more hours or pay the student health service fee (\$84).

	Per credit-hour charge for mandatory fees (08-09 figures)			
Programs & Services Fee	Technology Fee	<u>In-State</u> Facilities Fee	<u>Out-of-State</u> Facilities Fee	Transportation Fee
\$18	\$12	\$4	\$20	\$2

Example 1: If you are an out-of-state student with a ½ time assistantship and are enrolled in 8 credit hours, the most cost-effective option for you is to add one hour of 502: Use of Facilities. *Why?* By adding one more credit hour, you pay only \$56 (rather than \$84 for the student health service fee).

Example 2: If you are an in-state student with a ½ time assistantship and are enrolled in 6 credit hours, the most cost-effective option for you is to pay the \$84 student health service fee. *Why?* By adding 3 more credit hours (to get to 9 credit hours), you would pay \$108 in mandatory fees (rather than \$84 for the student health service fee).