

**Policies for Awarding Graduate Tuition Waivers**  
**College of Engineering**  
**Effective Fall 2024**

- In accordance with NDSU policy, graduate students receiving an assistantship greater than or equal to half-time (10 hours/week) are charged tuition at the in-state rate (called the GA Tuition Rate). Current graduate tuition rates can be found [here](#).
- Graduate students holding a full-time assistantship (20 hours/week) are eligible for a full tuition waiver from the College of Engineering. Graduate students holding a part-time assistantship (greater than or equal to 10 hours/week but less than 20 hours/week) are eligible for a 50% tuition waiver from the CoE.
- Graduate tuition waivers will only cover the cost of base tuition (approximately 90% of engineering tuition). Mandatory student fees are not covered by the waiver.
- Students receiving a tuition waiver will be required to enroll in a minimum of 6 credits per semester during the fall and spring semesters.
  - Students in their final semester may enroll in fewer than 6 credits (one-time only).
- Students will be eligible to receive a tuition waiver during the summer semester, provided
  - they hold an assistantship during the summer semester, or
  - they have received a tuition waiver during the preceding or following academic term (spring or fall semester).

No minimum credit load is required during the summer semester.

- Students are eligible to receive a tuition waiver until the maximum number of credits shown below is reached, based on the type of degree. These credit limits apply to all graduate credits, regardless of whether or not they were covered by a tuition waiver at NDSU.
  - Master's degree – 33 credits
  - PhD degree (with Master's) – 63 credits
  - PhD degree (without Master's) – 93 credits
- Students enrolled in an accelerated degree program (bachelor's to master's) are eligible for a full waiver of base tuition on their graduate credits if they hold a minimum of a half-time assistantship (at least 10 hours/week). This waiver will not be applied to undergraduate credits.
- Graduate students who receive funding for tuition from other sources (e.g., grant funds, foreign governments, etc.) will not be eligible for a tuition waiver from the College of Engineering, regardless of their assistantship status.