PART TIME STUDENTS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Keep in mind your living expense funding allowed in your student budget is not affected by your enrollment plans. You will always have access to the same amount of living expenses regardless of your number of credits unless you drop to below 6 credits in your degree program (in which case you are no longer eligible for financial aid or living expenses); however you may need to apply for and receive more or less aid in order to create the necessary credit on your account for your living expenses.

• **Part time with 9-11.5 credits toward your SPH degree program:** You will retain your merit scholarship funding and your federal loans (Direct Loans and/or Graduate PLUS Loan). The only changes to your account are to need based aid (need based scholarship, Perkins Loan or Alumni Loan). The need based aid will be halved for the semester if you have the Alumni loan. For fall 2015 only, if you have a Perkins loan it will not be adjusted unless you drop below 6 credits in your degree program and are thus ineligible for the loan.

• **Part time with 6-8 credits toward your SPH degree program:** You will retain your merit scholarship funding and your federal loans (Direct Loans and/or Graduate PLUS Loan). The only changes to your account are to need based aid (need based scholarship, Perkins Loan or Alumni Loan). If you receive a need based scholarship it will be halved for the semester. If you were awarded an Alumni Loan, you will no longer be eligible for those funds. Alumni Loan recipients will also be required to complete a new Promissory Note as their total loan amount would change. If you have a Perkins loan it will not be adjusted unless you drop below 6 credits in your degree program and are thus ineligible for the loan.

• **Part time with 0-5 credits toward your SPH degree program:** You will retain your merit scholarship only. You will not be eligible for any other aid from my office, federal or need based scholarships or loans. Students in this situation typically borrow as much as they can the semester prior to dropping to 0-5 credits. In this manner students can save the funds to be used when they are no longer eligible for aid from my office.

When transitioning to part time, please complete your process with the Registrar first before requesting our office revise your financial aid award. The credits you register for affect your charges and your student budget, therefore until you complete your process with the Registrar our office cannot accurately adjust your financial aid.