



LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY

SCHEDULE OF REDUCTIONS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (**OBBBA**) requires colleges and universities to reduce a student's annual Federal Direct Loan eligibility when the student is enrolled less than full-time. These reductions are based on a **federally prescribed Schedule of Reductions**.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU: Your annual Federal Direct Loan amount is now based on your enrollment intensity across the entire academic year (fall, spring, and summer if you attend). If you enroll less than full-time or reduce your enrollment after disbursements have begun, your future loan disbursements may be reduced.



KEY THINGS TO KNOW

- ✓ Applies to loans first disbursed on or after **July 1, 2026**.
- ✓ Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and PLUS Loans are subject to the Schedule of Reductions. Parent PLUS Loans are **not** subject to the Schedule of Reductions.
- ✓ Your enrollment is measured across the entire academic year. Changes to your enrollment (including drops or withdrawals) may reduce your remaining loan eligibility—even after you have received a disbursement.
- ✓ You must be enrolled at least **half-time** to be eligible for Federal Direct Loans.
- ✓ If you are enrolled **less than half-time**, you are **not** eligible for Federal Direct Loans.
- ✓ Talk with the Office of Financial Aid before changing your schedule. Plan ahead so there are no surprises with your loan funds.

HOW THE SCHEDULE OF REDUCTIONS IS CALCULATED

The reduced annual loan limit percentage is calculated using the formula below:

$$\left(\frac{\text{number of credit hours enrolled for academic year}}{\text{number of credit hours considered full time for that academic year for the program of study}} \right) \times 100$$

= reduced annual loan limit percentage

ENROLLMENT INTENSITY DEFINITIONS

UNDERGRADUATE (All Terms)



Full-Time: 100% of a full-time course load as defined by La Roche University (typically 12+ undergraduate credits or 6+ graduate credits)



Three-Quarter-Time: 75% of a full-time course load



Half-Time: 50% of a full-time course load



Less Than Half-Time: than 50% of a full-time course load

GRADUATE (Each Term)

✓ **Full-Time:** 6+ credit hours in Fall and Spring; 3+ credit hours in Summer

✓ **Part-Time:** Less than 6 credit hours in Fall and Spring; less than 3 credit hours in Summer

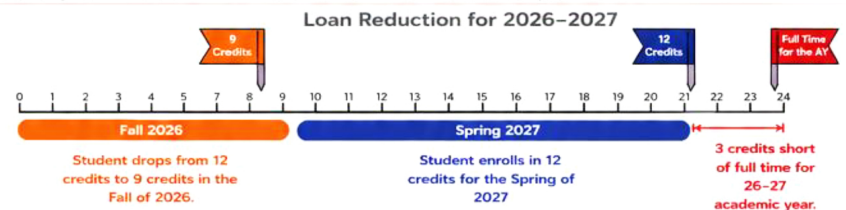
✓ **Less Than Half-Time:** Less than 3 credit hours in Fall and Spring; less than 1.5 credit hours in Summer

EXAMPLES OF ANNUAL FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN ELIGIBILITY BASED ON ENROLLMENT INTENSITY

Full-time status for undergraduate students is 24 credits for the academic year (12 per semester)

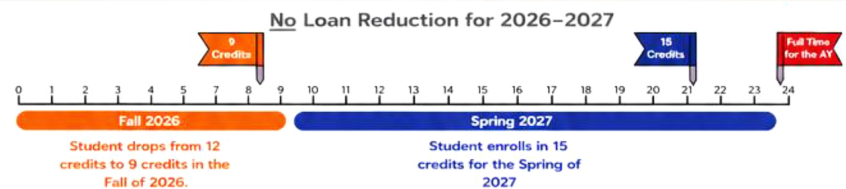
1 LOAN REDUCTION EXAMPLE

A student who drops to **9 credits** in the fall semester and maintains **12 credits** for the spring semester will be **3 credits short** of being considered full-time for the academic year. Due to this 3-credit shortage, the student's federal loans must be reduced.



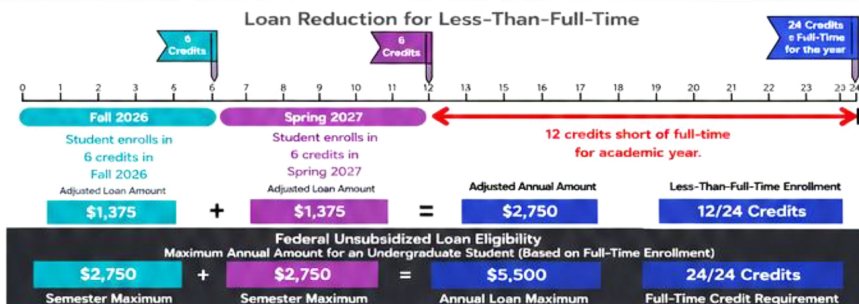
2 NO LOAN REDUCTION EXAMPLE

A student who drops to **9 credits** in the fall semester and increases their enrollment to **15 credits** for the spring semester will be considered full-time for the academic year. Since the student met the **full-time** requirements for the academic year, their loans **do not** have to be reduced.



3 LESS-THAN-FULL-TIME EXAMPLE

A first-year student who enrolls in **6 credits** in the fall semester and also enrolls in **6 credits** for the spring semester will be **12 credits short** of being considered full-time for the academic year. Due to this 12-credit shortage, the student's federal loans must be reduced.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Enrollment changes may affect your future loan disbursements.
- Withdrawals or drops in the fall semester may reduce the amount you can receive in the spring.
- La Roche University will monitor your enrollment throughout the academic year and adjust your loan eligibility as required by federal law.



QUESTIONS?

We're here to help!
Contact the Office of Financial Aid
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