

**Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University**

**Possible Consequences of Part-Time Student Status (completing fewer than 12 credit hours in a semester)**

All Blair students will be placed on probation for the following semester if they drop below 12 credit hours, except in the case of:

- a) Approval for medical underload by the associate dean
- b) Final-semester seniors approved to take fewer than 12 credit hours

Spring semester probations end at the close of the semester; probations for fall semesters begin the summer preceding the fall semester. You will not be permitted to do summer work elsewhere or to earn any other type of transfer credit while on probation. See the Vanderbilt *Undergraduate Catalog* for details and further consequences of probationary status, especially of multiple probations. Notations about probation and being removed from probation will show only on internal records (e.g., in YES), not on your official transcript.

**Vanderbilt Consequences**

- 1. Your financial aid may be affected. Students with Federal Aid and Tennessee HOPE scholarships should not drop below 12 hours without consulting a Vanderbilt financial aid adviser; other sources of financial aid may also be affected.
- 2. You will be ineligible to earn Dean’s List honors, even if your underload has been approved by the associate dean.
- 3. You will most likely be ineligible for Greek rush. Check with the Office of Greek Life.
- 4. You may be ineligible to be an officer in a student society.
- 5. You may be ineligible to represent the University in external affairs.
- 6. NCAA athletic eligibility may be compromised.

**Consequences External to Vanderbilt**

- 1. Health insurance may require full-time status. Be particularly concerned about whether insurance will carry through the summer. You should be covered, even on probation, if you buy your health insurance through Vanderbilt.
- 2. Car insurance policy may require full-time status.
- 3. Immigration status may be in jeopardy.
- 4. If you later apply to medical or law schools and are asked if you ever took a light load or if you were on probation, you will have to answer "yes".
- 5. You may be required to start paying back student loans sooner than you expected

**I understand these possible consequences and have decided to drop below full-time status.**

Student Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Dean's Office Approval:**

Medical Underload \_\_\_\_\_ Final Semester Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_