Students are required to register each consecutive semester of study until graduation. Students must be registered in each semester in which they are actively engaged in course work or research (including any semester in which they are in contact with university faculty/staff, or are using any university facility, in relation to their academic program), even if not on campus.

Students may not register at the University of Guelph while they are registered as a student at another university unless they have received prior written permission from the Assistant Vice-President (Graduate Studies).

Once enrolled, students must complete their degree according to the schedule and time limitations as stipulated in the Program Duration policy.

A student who has not completed all the requirements for the degree by the due date for thesis submission in a particular semester must register for the subsequent semester. Students must be registered in the semester in which they qualify for the degree.