

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Regular Students

- An entering freshman is a person who has never been enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.
- A freshman is a student who has acquired less than 45 quarter-hour credits acceptable toward graduation.
- A sophomore is a student who has acquired at least 45 quarter-hour credits approved for the curriculum in which the student intends to receive a degree.
- A junior is a student who has acquired at least 95 quarter-hour credits approved for the curriculum in which the student intends to receive a degree.
- A senior is a student who has acquired at least 145 quarter-hour credits approved for the curriculum in which the student intends to receive a degree.

Special Students

A Rose-Hulman student who plans to transfer out of Rose-Hulman or who wishes to take courses for some special purpose may be classified as a Special Student. As such, the student is not a candidate for a degree and may enroll in courses of choice (subject to prerequisite requirements). Credits earned while classified as a Special Student may be applied toward the requirements for a degree at a later date if the student petitions for, and is granted, reclassification as a regular student.

A student desiring classification or re-classification as a Special Student should submit to the Registrar a written petition to the Admissions and Standing Committee. If approved, student's records will show the classification and notification will be given to the student's advisor (<https://catalog.rose-hulman.edu/rules-procedures/advisors/>) and the Dean of Students.

If a student who has been granted Special Student classification departs from the established curricula and later petitions to become a regular degree candidate, the student may not use the Special Student option as a means of circumventing any of the usual degree requirements.

Also see:

- Enrollment of Local High School or Non-Degree Students (<https://catalog.rose-hulman.edu/rules-procedures/enrollment-non-degree-students/>)
- Part-Time Student (<https://catalog.rose-hulman.edu/rules-procedures/part-time-student/>)
- Transfer Student (<https://catalog.rose-hulman.edu/rules-procedures/transfer-credits/>)

Exceptions & Questions

Contact Admissions and Standing Committee.