

ACADEMIC LOAD

To be considered full-time, students must carry a minimum load of 12 semester hours per academic term or an equivalent number of clock hours for an educational program using clock hours per the United States Code of Federal Regulations. The maximum load that may normally be carried is 18 credit hours per academic term or an equivalent number of clock hours.

With permission, students who earn a grade point average of 3.2 or above may enroll in an extra course, but in no event, shall the maximum load exceed 21 credit hours each academic term or an equivalent number of clock hours. The maximum load for a six-week summer session is nine credit hours or an equivalent number of clock hours. The normal load for a six-week summer session is six credit hours or an equivalent number of clock hours. Students may request an exception to this policy by petitioning the Academic Standards Committee.

If a student in their last term of residence needs the hours to graduate, an advisor or discipline Associate Dean may recommend to the appropriate Academic and Student Pathway Deans, approval of a course load maximum of 21 hours. Requests for exceeding a term load of 21 hours must be reviewed by the Academic Standards Committee.

Lower Division: A student who has earned 25 or more semester hours credit is classified as a sophomore. Lower Division coursework is denoted as 1000 and 2000 level.

Upper Division: A student who has earned 61 semester credit hours or more is classified as a junior. A student who has earned 91 semester credit hours or more is classified as a senior. Upper Division coursework is denoted as 3000 and 4000 level.