EXCESS CREDIT HOURS

Florida Statutes, Chapter 1009.286 (https://www.flsenate.gov/laws/statutes/2011/1009.286) requires colleges to encourage students, who intend to enroll in a state university, to complete their respective degree program with only credit that can be applied to their degree program of study to avoid excess hours. Effective July 1, 2009 and amended 2011, state universities shall require a student to pay an excess hour surcharge equal to out of state tuition rates for each credit hour in excess of 150 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree program. The law also provides for exceptions to this extra fee if the credit hours were earned under certain circumstances and are not calculated as hours required to earn a baccalaureate degree. Review Florida Statutes, Chapter 1009.286 (https://www.flsenate.gov/laws/statutes/2011/1009.286) for more detailed information.