

EXCESS HOURS ADVISORY STATEMENT

Florida Statute, Section 1009.286 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1009/Sections/1009.286.html)

Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, establishes an “Excess Hours” surcharge for a student seeking a baccalaureate degree at a state university. It is critical that students, including those entering Florida colleges, are aware of the potential for additional course fees. State universities shall require a student to pay an excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree program in which the student is enrolled.

All students whose academic plan may include earning a baccalaureate degree should make every effort to enroll in and successfully complete those courses that are required for their intended major on their first attempt. Florida college students intending to transfer to a state university should identify a major or “transfer program” early and be aware of admission requirements for that program, including the approved common prerequisites. Course withdrawals and/or repeats, as well as enrollment in courses nonessential to the intended major, may contribute to a potential Excess Hours Surcharge.