

Maximum Student Credit Hour Load Per Semester

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection

8.22 Maximum Student Credit Hour Load Per Semester

III. Policy Statement

The maximum credit hours permissible in a semester are 20. Students who wish to enroll in a higher academic load must get permission from their assigned academic advisor or the advising program director.

IV. Reason for the Policy

Internal student success data, as well as external benchmarking, indicate that student success rates are negatively impacted when students enroll in too many credits in a given semester. However, in some cases, allowing flexibility for students provides them with more options and decreases barriers toward completion.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Students, Faculty, and Staff

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

All College Staff and Students

VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog

VIII. Contacts

Associate Dean of Advising and Student Support

IX. Definitions

N/A

X. Procedures

Students who want to enroll in more than 20 credit hours in a semester must get permission from their assigned academic advisor or the advising program director.

The following factors will be considered: the student's GPA, the student's long-term academic history, the course schedule the student is proposing to take (e.g. types and times of courses), the student's commitments outside school, and the circumstances which are causing the student to ask for an exception to the policy. Other factors also may be considered.

XI. Forms
N/A

XII. Effective Date

August 2024

XIII. Policy History

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XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

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