Understanding Minimum/Maximum Semester Hour Restrictions

Overview

Per the University Undergraduate Catalog: A normal enrollment for undergraduates is defined as 15 semester hours per semester. To enroll for more than 18 semester hours in a semester, a student must have the written permission of the academic advisor and the chairperson of the student’s major department. Twelve semester hours is considered full-time for a fall or spring semester and nine semester hours for a summer semester. Students who withdraw are not considered enrolled in the course once the withdrawal has been processed, and enrollment status will be adjusted as of that time.

Minimum/Maximum hours restrictions

Undergraduate, degree-seeking students*:

- Maximum hours = 18 hours
- Academic probation and Reinstated After Suspension (1st semester): Maximum = 14 hours

Graduate, degree-seeking students* (Master’s, Specialist, and Doctorate):

- Maximum = 12 hours

Student-athletes (does not apply for summer):

- **Undergraduate level:**
  - Minimum = 12 hours
  - Maximum = 18 hours
- **Master's Level:**
  - Minimum = 9 hours
  - Maximum = 12 hours

International students (does not apply for summer); students with F-1 or J-1 visa:

- **Undergraduate level:**
  - Minimum = 12 hours
  - J-1 visas maximum = 15 hours
  - F-1 visas maximum = 18 hours
- **Graduate level (M, S, and D):**
  - Minimum = 9 hours
  - J-1 and F-1 visas maximum = 12 hours

Non-degree seeking students:

- **Undergraduate level:**
  - Maximum = 18 hours
- **Graduate level (M, S, D):**
  - Maximum = 12 hours

*No students may withdraw/drop their last course online. They must contact the Withdrawal Coordinator in the Office of the Registrar. See also: Dropping Courses and Withdrawing After Drop/Add.

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