

SENATE POLICY

Policy on Undergraduate Course Overload

(Inception: 1979-1980 General Calendar (GnC))

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18, 2000, March 21, 2002, May 7, 2008, March 9, 2012, December 12, 2014)

Overload courses are deemed to be courses taken in addition to the prescribed term load for a given program. Unless otherwise stated in the calendar description for the program, a normal course load is five 3.0 credit courses (or equivalent) per twelve-week semester (Fall Semester, Winter Semester, Summer Semester). A normal course load in the two six-week Sessions (Intersession, Summer Session) is three 3.0 credit courses (or equivalent) per session, but not more than five 3.0 credit courses (or equivalent) in total over a twelve-week period.

In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty (or designate), Semester 1 students will be permitted to take an overload course.

In all other Semesters, students who have major and cumulative averages of 85% or higher may take one overload course per semester.

This policy does not preclude the Dean of the Faculty (or designate) from giving permission to a student to take one or more overload courses in exceptional circumstances.