ARC 300

Credit Load Policy

PURPOSE

Establishes the policy and expectations for credit load at Clackamas Community College (CCC).

SUMMARY

Credit Load:
The college considers a full-time student as someone enrolled in 12 to 18 credits within the same term. Students enrolled in less than 12 credits are considered less than full-time with the following breakout:

- 1-5 = Less than half time
- 6-8 = Half time
- 9-11 = Three-quarter time

Students can enroll for 1-18 credits as part of standard registration processes.

Credit Overload:
Students who wish to enroll in more than 18 credits in the same term are considered as carrying a credit overload. Overload requests require that the student meet identified criteria and have advisor approval prior to the start of the term. Students must fulfill all of the following criteria in order to qualify for a credit overload:

- Cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher;
- All courses for the term requested are applicable to student's program of study;
- Completed 15 or more college credits per term in at least two prior terms with a minimum term GPA of 3.00 and without receiving any grades of F, W, or N in those terms;
- No pending Incomplete (I) grades;
- Total credits for the term cannot exceed 22

In the event that a student does not meet one or more of the above criteria, they can still submit the request as part of an extenuating circumstances review process. These requests are reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Student Academic Support Services.

Related: Refer to the ARC 403P procedure document for specific steps for requesting a course overload. Refer to the ISP 350 Credit Hour Policy.

Effective Date: Upon final policy approval date.

END OF POLICY

APPROVALS

ARC Initial Review	Date: 9.26.2018
Maintained By	CCC Advising & Career Services
ISP Committee – if appropriate	Date: 10.26.2018
College Council – first reading	Date: 12.21.2018
College Council – second reading	Date:
President's Council – if appropriate	Date:
Final ARC Review and Approval	Date:

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Requesting a Credit Overload:

1. Prior to the start of the term, students requesting to take more than 18 credits in the term must complete the Credit Overload Request form and return it in person or by email to Advising and Career Services or the Faculty Advisor. The form is available at www.clackamas.edu/forms.

2. Advising and Career Services or the Faculty Advisor will notify student of the decision.

    a. **In Person**: If the request is approved, the Advisor or Faculty Advisor will sign an add/drop form. The student is responsible for enrolling in the course(s) and paying for the course(s).

        i. **Advising hours and contact information:**

            Oregon City campus
            503-594-3475
            advising@clackamas.edu

            Harmony campus
            503-594-0623
            philr@clackamas.edu

            Wilsonville campus
            503-594-0959
            advisingwilsonville@clackamas.edu

    b. **Email**: Student will be notified of a decision via their student email account (@student.clackamas.edu). Note: Requests sent by email **may take up to 5 business days to process.**

3. Advising and Career Services will retain a copy of the Credit Overload Request form and final decision in the student record.

Appeal process:

If there are extenuating circumstances that may preclude automatic approval, the Director of Student and Academic Support Services or designee will review and determine status of Credit Overload requests for all students with extenuating circumstances. Students with extenuating circumstances must complete a written explanation in the space provided on the Course Overload form, identifying the need for the credit overload.

END OF PROCESS