

## Recommendations of Senate Rules and Elections Committee

### Background:

In previous actions across a number of years, the University Senate has adopted new policies for the academic University Calendar. These policies are:

- (A) establishing a Winter Intersession,
- (B) establishing a single twelve week Summer Session and
- (C) establishing a new (additional) Fall Semester holiday period.

The SREC found that incorporation of these previous Senate actions into Section 2 caused several issues to arise that the SREC considers are 'substantive policy,' beyond the editorial codification/clarification charge of SREC. One such concern encountered by the SREC was that revising SR 5.2.1, on "Student Load" to reflect the current organization of the academic University Calendar appears beyond editorial action and gets into substantive educational policy.

### SREC Recommendations:

- (1) The SREC unanimously concurred to recommend to the Senate Council that it task the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) to propose policy and updated wording for SR 5.2.1. Specifically, within SR 5.2.1. what credit hour intensity ('load') of academic work is appropriate at the undergraduate or graduate level for the current different course lengths of 'Fall or Spring Semester,' 'Summer Session,' 'Winter Intersession', and for possible 'compressed' course versions within a semester, session or intersession context?
- (2) The SREC also asks the SAASC to consider adding footnotes at the end of SR 10.3 to the following effects:
  - A. One credit hour at the University of Kentucky is based on the amount of academic work time for a semester meeting pattern that delivers the course for 15 instructional weeks.
  - B. When the meeting pattern is a 12 week Summer Session or a Winter Intersession, the amount of meeting time each week must be increased proportionately relative to a semester of 15 instructional weeks, so that one credit hour equals the same amount of academic work for each kind of academic term. The same approach applies to courses 'compressed' into other course lengths inside of a semester, session or intersession.
  - C. When a course is transferred to UK from an institution that did not use a semester system of 15 instructional weeks for the course, then the credit equivalency transferred will be calculated proportionately.

### 5.2.1 C. STUDENT LOAD [formerly SR 5.2.2 “Student Load”]

With the exceptions noted below, the maximum load to be carried during any semester by an undergraduate student (including courses taken on an audit basis) shall be 19 credit hours. [US: 10/11/93]

The maximum allowable load to be carried during any summer term/session for undergraduate students (including residence, correspondence or audit courses) shall be nine (9) credit hours in the eight-week summer session and four (4) credits in the four-week term, but under no circumstances no more than 13 credits during the summer term and summer session.

Students may be enrolled in a maximum of nine credit hours of classes meeting concurrently during an eight-week summer session. For this purpose, a course meeting for a four-week period during the eight-week session must be counted double. Thus, a student may enroll in two consecutive four-week (three credit hour) classes plus one eight-week class, or as many as three eight week (three credit hour) classes. A student would not, however, be able to enroll in two four-week (three credit hour) classes meeting concurrently. A student may be enrolled in a maximum of seven credit hours for a six-week summer term. [US: 10/11/93; US 4/10/2000]

A student may be permitted by the dean of his/her college to carry such extra credit hours as in the dean's judgment, based upon the student's past performance, the student can complete successfully. [US: 11/8/82]

A student on academic probation shall take no more than fifteen (15) credit hours in a semester, three (3) credit hours in a four-week term, or seven (7) credit hours in a six or eight-week session. This rule may be waived by special permission from the student's academic dean or the dean's designee. The waiver and the rationale for the waiver must be documented in the student's record maintained by the college. [US: 12/11/2000]

Students in the combined Bachelor's/Master's or Bachelor's/Graduate Doctoral degree program (University Scholars Program) shall not take more than 16 credit hours per semester. Permission to exceed that number is subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School. (See SR **Error! Reference source not found.** and SR **Error! Reference source not found.**) [US: 9/13/82]

The professional colleges and the Graduate School may set lower maximum loads which are consistent with their degree requirements.

The maximum allowable load to be carried during any summer term for graduate students shall be nine (9) credit hours in the eight-week summer session and four (4) credit hours in the four-week term. The maximum load for graduate students in any combination of the four- and eight-week sessions/terms shall be twelve (12) credit hours.

A student may be registered simultaneously at the University of Kentucky and at another institution only with the approval of the dean of the college in which the student is registered at the University of Kentucky, the credit hours obtained at the other institution being considered a part of the student's maximum load. If the simultaneous registration has not been authorized, the transfer of credit from the other institution may be denied. [US: 10/11/93]