

October 16, 2020

Aaron Cramer, Chair  
University Senate Council

Aaron,

Please consider the following request related to Senate Rule 5.2.2 Student Load.

For the 2020-2021 Winter Intersession terms, students may be enrolled in a maximum of three credit hours of classes meeting in a three-week session or six credit hours of classes meeting in a four, five or six session.

### **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 5.4.1.7 and SR 4.2.5.4.) [US: 9/13/82]

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

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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]2)

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