



Maximum Loads for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

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1.0 Purpose

2.0 Policy

Undergraduate students who have interest in enrolling in more than 19 credit hours in a Fall or Spring term must obtain approval of their academic dean before registration for that term. Undergraduate students interested in enrolling in more than 18 credit hours in a Summer term must also obtain approval of their academic dean. Virginia Tech's Summer term is comprised of multiple parts of term. A part of term is an officially recognized and approved date range that takes place within the larger term. A student may enroll in one or more parts of term within the larger term. The maximum credit hours outlined apply to the term and no limits have been placed on a single part of term. As such, the maximum load for a Summer term is 18 credit hours that may be taken in any part of term combination. Exceeding these limits without the approval of an academic dean may result in the removal of courses to place a student within these limits. Courses added after the term begins are subject to being dropped at the direction of the dean if total credit hours exceed the maximum.

The maximum number of credit hours for graduate students is 18 during academic year semesters. Overloads (19 credit hours or more per semester) require permission from a graduate dean.

3.0 Procedures

4.0 Definitions

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6.0 Approval and Revisions

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- Revision 1
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- Revision 2
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- Revision 3
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