One Stop Student Services

Policy:
Overload/Maximum Credit Load

**Undergraduate Students:**

The maximum credit load in a Spring or Fall term:

- 18 credits (undergraduates)
- 18 credits or 3 studio courses (Peck School of the Arts undergraduates)

The fall and spring registration limit using PAWS is 18 credits for undergraduates. Students wishing to enroll in an overload must obtain approval from their school/college advising office on an Add/Drop form.

The maximum credit load in a summer term:

- You may enroll in a total of 12 credits for the full duration of the summer sessions, but no more than four credits during any session less than or equal to four weeks

The summer registration limit using PAWS is 12 credits for undergraduates. Students wishing to enroll in an overload must obtain approval from their school/college advising office on an Add/Drop form.

The maximum credit load in UWinteriM:

- You may enroll in a total of 3 credits for the full duration of the UWinteriM session

The UWinteriM registration limit using PAWS is 3 credits for undergraduates and, due to the short duration of the term, overloads are generally not permitted. Degree-seeking students wishing to enroll in an overload due to exceptional circumstances must obtain approval from their school/college advising office on an Add/Drop form. Non-degree/guest students wishing to enroll in an overload must appeal to the Registrar's Office and requests will be reviewed with academic departments and school/college administrators.

Approval for overload does not waive any course prerequisites or permit enrollment in closed classes. Forms must be submitted to Mellencamp Hall 274 after the student's initial registration appointment time, and will be processed by Registrar's Office staff.
Graduate Students:

You may not register for more than 12 graduate credits in a fall or spring semester or 9 graduate credits in the eight-week Summer Session or a total of 12 graduate credits in all sessions between the conclusion of a spring semester and the beginning of a fall semester. Audit, sport/recreation and colloquium seminar credits are not counted when determining a graduate student's credit load.

If you are taking undergraduate certification coursework, are making up deficiencies, or have exceptional circumstances resulting in special hardship, you must appeal to Graduate Student Services for permission to carry more than the maximum credit load.

If you're a doctoral student classified as a dissertator, you must be enrolled for three graduate-level credits (at the current dissertator rate) each semester until your doctoral dissertation is filed in the Golda Meir Library. The only number of credits for which a dissertator may register is three.

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