

Augusta University

Policy Library

Student Course Load

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POLICY STATEMENT

This policy defines what is considered a typical course load for undergraduate and graduate students and the conditions necessary for enrollment in hours that exceed the maximum allowed for undergraduate students at Augusta University.

AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Indicate all entities and persons within the Enterprise that are affected by this policy:

- Alumni Faculty Graduate Students Health Professional Students
 Staff Undergraduate Students Vendors/Contractors Visitors
 Other:

DEFINITIONS

Regents' grade point average is computed using the total number of GPA hours attempted at Augusta University and the total number of grade points earned at Augusta University, excluding courses numbered 0001-0999.

PROCESS & PROCEDURES

Undergraduate Students:

A typical undergraduate course load in a semester is 15-18 hours. Undergraduate students who wish to register for more than 18 semester credit hours must receive approval from either 1) the chair/program director of their academic program, or 2) the Director of Academic Advisement if they are assigned to the Academic Advisement Center. Once students receive such approval a student may then register for more than 18 hours only if one, or more, of the following three conditions are met: 1) the student has a Regents' GPA of 3.0 with at least 15 credit hours taken at Augusta University, 2) the student is within 30 hours of graduation, and/or 3) the student is granted permission by the dean.

Graduate Students:

A graduate student who registers for 9 or more hours is considered a full-time student.

The Medical College of Georgia does not admit students to the MD program on a part-time basis. Students in the Medical College may, with appropriate approval from that college, carry lesser academic loads than other students because of academic or scheduling problems. However, these students are considered to be committed to full-time pursuit of the Doctor of Medicine degree.

All Doctor of Dental Medicine degree-seeking students are considered to be full-time and are expected to devote full-time efforts toward completing requirements for the degree. Most students complete the

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program in four academic years and take a uniform semester course schedule. Other students may, with special permission, complete the degree program in more than four. Exceptions to this rule may include:

part-time College of Dental Medicine faculty with international, non-CODA accredited dental degrees who may register as part-time students in order to complete the DMD degree for licensure purposes; and a limited number of special students (e.g., foreign exchange students) who are not degree-seeking.

REFERENCES & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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RELATED POLICIES

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