

Committee on Educational Policy
Policy for Enrollment in Greater Than 19 Units

Academic Senate regulation requires all students wishing to enroll in more than 19 units to receive college approval (6.1.2). Presently, these approvals are made individually, manually, and quarterly by the colleges.

The Committee on Educational Policy would like to expand student opportunity and responsibility by significantly automating this process. Our superior students should be able to easily enroll in four courses without special handling. These students should be provided the freedom to craft their own challenging courses of study in pursuit of their academic goals.

Colleges are asked to ensure that students are fully aware that 3 hours of academic work per week is expected for each credit hour (UC Senate regulation 760), and thus a 22-unit load would correspond to 66 hours of work each week.

CEP supports continuation of the current practice that all sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 2.0 GPA may elect 20 units, while those seeking higher units receive more detailed advising.

6.1.2 An undergraduate student is permitted to carry less than 15 credit hours only after obtaining approval from the college provost or his/her designee. Such approval does not confer full-time status on the student who does not meet the requirements of SCR 6.1.1. The privilege of carrying more than 19 credit hours is in general reserved for the superior student and requires approval from the provost of the college or his/her designee.

Policy

1. In the first quarter, enrollment in more than 19 units requires individual approval. Demonstrated excellence in prior college course work, completion of AP and IB curricula, selection as a Regents Fellow, and similar factors can indicate that a student is "superior."
2. After the first quarter, students with a cumulative UCSC GPA of 3.0 may enroll in up to 22 units. Enrollment in more than 22 units requires individual approval.
3. Students with a UCSC GPA below 3.0 need individual approval to enroll in greater than 19 units, and such approval may be denied.
4. Students may not enroll in greater than 19 units until all students have had the opportunity to enroll in 19 units, typically on the first day of instruction.

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