Student Course Load

Undergraduate students may enroll in a maximum of 19 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters. The limit during summer sessions is four hours in the Summer I session and nine hours in the Summer II session.

Students who wish to enroll in additional hours of coursework must seek permission from their academic advisor or the appropriate representative from the Dean’s Office of their college. Permission is contingent upon the student’s previous academic performance. The advisor making the decision should consider the following factors: What is the student’s current GPA? Has the student ever successfully completed a semester with a credit overload? Is it plausible for any student to complete the requested number of credit hours in the timeframe given? Does the student have other responsibilities (work, etc.) that could prevent success? Would it create a significant hardship on the student if permission is denied (i.e. delay graduation)? If permission is granted, the advisor should direct the student to the Academic Calendar so the student is aware of drop dates in case the over-enrollment is too taxing. Once permission is given for an overload, the advisor should work with the student on enrollment in the requested courses. To enroll in additional hours, an override must be submitted in myUK. The override function is housed in Student Administration<Registration<Assign Student Overrides. The type of override is “Override Maximum Credit Hours”. The advisor can enter the “Override Maximum Credit Hours” for every course the student intends to take. Alternately, the student can enroll in the most competitive courses on their own (up to 19 hours) and allow the advisor to enroll them in the other less competitive course(s).

Students on academic probation are limited to 15 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters. The limit during summer sessions is three hours in the Summer I session and seven hours in the Summer II session. Students who wish to enroll in additional hours of coursework must seek permission as described above. Generally for freshman and most first-term transfer students, 15-17 hours is considered an ideal course load. When a student requests an override for maximum semester hours, it must be for a specific course and section, not just an overall increase in hours. So the entire planned semester schedule should be known before the course load override is granted.