

Student Credit Load

The recommended credit load for undergraduate students is 15-18 hours per semester during a standard academic term (fall/spring). Undergraduate and professional student full time status is 12 or more credits per semester (9 credits in the summer*). Half time is 6 credits per semester (5 credits in the summer*).

Students are limited to 20 credits per semester (15 credits in the summer). Students who find it necessary to exceed this credit limit must have an NDSU minimum institutional grade-point average of 3.0 to be eligible to petition for an overload. The Over 20 Credits Petition Form (<https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/registrar/forms/overtwenty.pdf>) is available online.

Graduate student full time status is 9 or more credits per semester (6 credits in the summer*). Half time is 5 credits per semester (3 credits in the summer*). Graduate students may enroll in up to 15 credits per semester and must obtain approval from the Graduate College (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool>) to exceed this maximum.

*Please be aware that the credit requirements for financial aid purposes (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/finaid/application/summer>) are different from those set by the Office of Registration and Records, Customer Account Services and the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies.