

Credit Maximum Policy

Responsible University Officer: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean
Policy Owner: Scholastic Committee
Policy Contact: Office of the Registrar

POLICY STATEMENT

Spring and Fall Semesters

Twenty (20) credits is the maximum number of credits per semester for which a student will be allowed to enroll without approval. Empowered by the Scholastic Committee, the Registrar's approval is a requirement for students to enroll for more than 20 credits in a semester. If the request is denied, the student may appeal to the Scholastic Committee.

Summer Term

Twelve (12) credits is the maximum number of total credits for which a student will be allowed to enroll without approval. Summer term comprises May session, summer session I, and summer session II. Empowered by the Scholastic Committee, the Registrar's approval is a requirement for students to enroll in more than 12 total credits for the three sessions. If the request is denied, the student may appeal to the Scholastic Committee.

REASON FOR POLICY

While students are encouraged to complete at least 15 credits per semester in order to make progress towards graduation, enrolling in too many credits may result in a higher incidence of course withdrawals, lower grades than expected, and decreased cumulative grade point averages (GPAs). The Credit Maximum Policy allows those students who wish to take up to 20 credits per fall and spring semesters and those students who wish to take up to 12 credits during summer term to do so. Students who wish to take more than the maximum credits have the opportunity to petition, allowing a thorough review of each individual's particular academic plan and progress before a decision is made.

PROCEDURES

There are no procedures related to this policy.

FORMS

[Request form to enroll in more than the maximum credits allowed](#)

APPENDICES

There are no appendices related to this policy.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. For spring or fall semester, which factors will be considered if I petition to take more than the maximum number of credits?**

The petition decision will be based on your academic standing, cumulative GPA, course schedule, and the impact of the credits over the maximum limit on your academic progress.
- 2. For summer term, which factors will be considered if I petition to take more than the maximum number of credits?**

The petition decision will be based on your academic standing, cumulative GPA, course schedule, and the impact of the credits over the maximum limit on your academic progress. In particular, your summer course schedule will be reviewed to determine if you wish to enroll in courses that span both May session and summer session I, which overlap by one week. Students may underestimate the time commitment necessary to successfully complete May session after summer session I begins.
- 3. What are the recommended credit loads per summer term session?**

While there are no firm recommendations, students should carefully consider the workload. Summer term courses require the same rigor and work effort per credit as a course offered during fall and spring semesters but in a condensed format. A summer course will require more effort per credit per week. For example, a four-credit course offered during the condensed three-week May session requires a commitment and workload comparable to a 20-credit course load during spring or fall semesters. Students who wish to complete 12 or more credits during the summer term should enroll in multiple sessions. Students are encouraged to consult their academic advisers for summer term planning advice.
- 4. How does Multi-Institutional student status impact the Morris credit maximum?**

Under the Multi-Institutional agreement, students may enroll in classes at other University of Minnesota campuses and retain their Morris student status. Morris students enrolled in classes at other campuses will be allowed the same total number of maximum credits, 20 credits for fall and spring semesters and 12 credits for summer term, regardless of which campus awards the credits.
- 5. How will I know if I am over the maximum number of credits?**

You will receive an error message during self-service registration that reads: "Maximum Term Unit Load Exceeded."

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Policy Questions	Judy Korn	320-589-6011	kornjr@morris.umn.edu
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RESPONSIBILITIES

College

Inform students of policy. Respond to petitions in a timely fashion.

Student

Consult academic adviser regarding academic plans. Submit petitions in a timely fashion and within published campus [deadlines](#).

RELATED INFORMATION

[Scholastic Committee](#)

[Multi-Institutional Registration](#)

[Summer Term Information](#)

HISTORY

Amended by Scholastic Committee to include summer term February 2016.

Approved by Campus Assembly March 2008.