Course Load

The normal course load for the fall or spring semester shall be 15 semester hours. Course loads in excess of 16 semester hours shall require approval by the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs dean. The maximum course load shall be no more than 21 semester hours.

The normal course load for the summer session shall be six semester hours for each five-week term or 12 semester hours for a ten-week summer term. Course loads in excess of six semester hours per five-week term or 12 semester hours per ten-week summer term shall require approval by the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs dean. The maximum summer credit hours earned shall be eight semester hours per five-week term or 16 semester hours per ten-week term.

Limitation on Number of Dropped Courses

A College District student shall not be permitted to drop with a “W” grade for more than six courses taken while enrolled at the College District or another public institution of higher education. For the limit to apply:

1. The student must be permitted to drop the course without receiving a grade or being penalized academically prior to the census date for the session;
2. The student’s transcript must indicate or will indicate the student was enrolled in the course; and
3. The student must not have dropped the course to withdraw from the College District.

Exceptions for Good Cause

A student shall be permitted to exceed the limit on the number of dropped courses with a “W” grade for any of the following reasons:

1. A severe illness or other debilitating condition that affects the student’s ability to satisfactorily complete a course;
2. The care of a sick, injured, or needy person if providing that care affects the student’s ability to satisfactorily complete a course;
3. The death of a member of the student’s family as defined by law;
4. The death of a person who has a sufficiently close relationship to the student as defined by law;
5. The student’s active military duty service;
6. The active military service of a member of the student’s family or a person who has a sufficiently close relationship to the student; or
7. A change in the student’s work schedule that is beyond the student’s control and affects the student’s ability to satisfactorily complete the course.

Exception for Reenrolled Students

A qualifying reenrolled student may drop a seventh course in accordance with law.

Procedures

The College President shall develop procedures to implement this policy and shall publish the procedures in the College District catalog.