Undergraduate Course Load Policy

The maximum load for students in undergraduate curricula is 18 hours during the semester, 7 semester hours during the 5-week session, and 14 hours during the 10-week session or any combination of summer sessions. International Students and Scholars are required to be enrolled as full-time students during the academic year and are subject to special full-time enrollment regulations. They may NOT drop below the full-time course loads without prior written authorization from the Office of International Education. Dropping below full course loads without prior OIE approval can subject international students to USDHS termination of their immigration status therefore international students and academic advisors must check with OIE PRIOR TO modifying full-time course loads for international students. An undergraduate must enroll for 12 or more hours during a semester or summer term to be considered full-time for athletic, financial aid, loan and insurance purposes.

The maximum load may be exceeded under the following circumstances:

1. On approval of the dean, students may schedule overloads not to exceed 22 hours during the semester or 17 hours during the summer terms or 9 hours during a 5-week session. To be eligible for an overload, students must have passed all work attempted and earned a GPA of 2.5 or higher during their last residence semester at Auburn University in which they carried 15 or more hours (10 or more in their last summer).

2. Students who have scheduled fewer than 15 hours during an intervening semester (or semesters) will retain the overload privilege if all work carried was passed with a minimum GPA of 2.5 in each intervening term. In special cases the dean may make exceptions to the 2.5 requirement, by electronic notice to the Office of the Registrar.

3. Students who register for course work in excess of the approved load may be required by the dean to drop the overload during the Schedule Adjustment period. See course load requirements in the Graduate School.