Maximum Student Credit Hour Load Per Semester

I. **Policy Section**

8.0 Students

II. **Policy Subsection**

8.22 Maximum Student Credit Hour Load Per Semester

III. **Policy Statement**

Students who want to enroll in more than 18 credit hours in a semester must get permission from the appropriate Associate Dean (e.g. the AD for Faculty Evaluation and Hiring in the School which houses the student’s program or the course which takes the student over 18 credits).

IV. **Reason for the Policy**

Internal student success data, as well as external benchmarking, indicate that student success rates are negatively impacted when students enroll in too many credits in a given semester and that the most common limit on credits allowed per semester in Michigan is 18.

V. **Entities Affected by this Policy**

Students, Faculty, and Staff

VI. **Who Should Read this Policy**

All College Staff and Students

VII. **Related Documents**

GRCC Catalog

VIII. **Contacts**

Offices of the Associate Deans for Faculty Evaluation and Hiring
Counseling and Career Center

IX. **Definitions**

N/A

X. **Procedures**

Students who want to enroll in more than 18 credit hours in a semester must get permission from the appropriate Associate Dean (e.g. the AD for Faculty
Evaluation and Hiring in the School which houses the student’s program or the course which takes the student over 18 credits).

The Associate Dean will consider the following factors in making his or her decision: the student's GPA, the student's long-term academic history, the course schedule the student is proposing to take (e.g. types and times of courses), the student’s commitments outside school, and the circumstances which are causing the student to ask for an exception to the policy. Other factors also may be considered.

XI. **Forms**
   N/A

XII. **Effective Date**

   May 2012

XIII. **Policy History**

   AGC Approved April 2012
   AGC Reviewed and Approved, 2016

XIV. **Next Review/Revision Date**

   Review/Revision—Winter Semester 2019