

Academic Governing Council
Decision Form

*This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue.
This form is sent to the Provost.*

**Maximum Student Credit Hour Load per Semester-Policy 8.22
Decision**

On April 12, 2016, the AGC membership voted to approve the following policy:

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 courses which takes the student over 18 credits).

Rationale

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. This policy supports student success and completion.*

*https://www.grcc.edu/sites/default/files/docs/policies/8-22_maximum_student_credit_hour_load_per_semester.pdf

Supporting Data

Exception criteria:

- GPA
- Average credit hours per semester the student had successfully completed
- Average credit hours per semester the student had attempted
- Combination of coursework for the semester in question
- Number of different classes the student attempts for the semester
- Number of semesters at GRCC

	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Number of exceptions granted	43	58	46
The average end of term GPA for students exceeding 18 credits	3.04 (Range 2.15-4.00)	3.30 (Range 2.44-4.00)	3.03 (Range 2.00-3.94)
The average cumulative GPA for students exceeding 18 credits	3.08 (Range 2.29-4.00)	3.12 (Range 2.23-4.00)	2.93 (Range 2.15-3.74)
Range of credits approved	19-21	19-22	19-23

Based on the data, the team believes that this policy is working well as written. No suggestions for changes came from the AGC membership.

Implications for Action

This action is a renewal of an active policy and there are no known implications for action.

Date of Decision by AGC

April 12, 2016
Vote: 100% approved

Section to be completed by the Provost.

Evaluation Plan

This policy will next be formally reviewed in Winter Semester 2019.

Response from Provost

I support the AGC vote.

Laurie Chesley 5-13-16