

## 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

## XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

Initiation of review process—Winter 2014

Completion of review/revision—Winter 2015