

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE
Maximum Units Per Term
RES 161719

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recommend to the President that the maximum units per term be set as follows:

- A. For undergraduate programs:
1. For first-term freshman (who have not completed 15 units): a hard cap of 17 units; no petitions for more units allowed.
 2. For continuing students (who have successfully completed 15 units), a cap of 17 units, with a two-tier petition structure:
 - a. For students with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.3, a petition is required, accompanied by signatures from the Faculty Advisor, Department Chair, and school Dean.
 - b. For students with a GPA over 3.3, no approval is required.
 3. As of 2017-2018, the following programs are exempt from this policy and follow their individual program-specific maximum units: liberal studies, CE, EE, Post-baccalaureate (credential-seeking only), Extended University, and students who have applied to graduate within the current academic year. For students in these programs, the two-tier petition structure based on GPA that is described above also applies, with students with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.3 required to submit an overload petition.
- B. For graduate degree programs:

The maximum units will be capped at 15 for graduate students, as approved by the Graduate Coordinator Council.

Hardship petitions will be considered for anyone with a G.P.A. under 2.5.

RATIONALE: A full load is 15 semester units. A cap of 17 units will limit the number of courses that students can take to both help ensure the success of our students and to allow more equitable access to courses for all students across the University.

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