

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE

MAXIMUM UNITS PER TERM

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**RESOLVED:**

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

1. For first-term CSUB students: a hard cap of 19 units; no petitions for more units allowed.
2. For continuing students, including transfer students, a cap of 19 units, with a two-tier petition structure for overloads:
  - a. For students with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.3, a petition is required, accompanied by signatures from the faculty advisor and school Dean.
  - b. For students with a GPA over 3.3, no approval is required.
3. For graduate students, the maximum units will be capped at 15.

**RATIONALE:**

Evidence supplied by John Dirkse, Director of Academic Operations and Support, indicates that the students who have “over-enrolled,” while small, tend to be successful, with higher GPAs than students with lower unit counts. This will also avoid the necessity of students petitioning to take a full load that could easily reach 19 units.

**Distribution List:**

President  
Provost and V.P. Academic Affairs  
School Deans  
Department Chairs  
General Faculty

Approved by the Academic Senate March 22, 2018

Sent to President April 6, 2018

Signed by the President April 16, 2018