



ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC POLICIES

POLICY NAME: Course Load Policy for Graduate Students

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

LAST REVIEW:

NEXT REVIEW:

POLICY OWNER: Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

PROCEDURE CONTACT: School of Graduate Studies

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

Course load for graduate students is defined as follows:

- A graduate student at the doctoral level enrolled for 6 credits or more is considered a full-time student for academic purposes.
- The recommended normal load in a semester is 6 credits.
- A graduate student at the certificate, master's, or specialist level enrolled for 8 credits or more is considered a full-time student for academic purposes.
- The recommended normal load in a semester is 8-12 credits.
- The maximum allowable load without special approval is 15 credits.
- The maximum load during summer (the combined total for Intersession, Summer Session I, and Summer Session II) is 15 credits.
- Load includes the total credits of all courses carried, including on-campus, off-campus, on-line, and any other college courses taken concurrently with those at St. Cloud State University.
- A student who wishes to enroll for more than the established maximum must obtain approvals from his or her advisor and the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- Applications for Overload are available in the School of Graduate Studies and on the [Graduate Studies forms page](#).