ACADEMIC LOAD/OVERLOAD

The normal maximum academic load for undergraduate students shall not exceed 17 semester credit hours per semester, except that the normal maximum academic load for Westminster Choir College students shall not exceed 18 semester credit hours per semester. Permission to exceed these loads must be obtained from the students’ academic dean’s office.

Westminster Choir College students may exceed the normal maximum academic load after passing 24 semester credit hours and attaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. All other students may exceed the normal maximum academic load after passing 45 semester credit hours and attaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Students who exceed the normal load are required to pay an overload per credit fee for each credit over 18, except in the case of non-billable hours.

Students on Conditional Academic Standing may not register for an academic overload.

Students may enroll for a maximum of 14 credits during Summer I and II combined with no more than 7 credits in any combination of I sessions or II sessions. These maximums may be exceeded only with the permission of the student’s academic dean.

Students should understand that for every hour spent in class, they are expected to spend two to three hours studying outside of class time, and should therefore plan their academic load accordingly. Study time may vary based on the student’s background knowledge and class difficulty.