



Bluefield State
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Academic Credit Load and Definition of Credit Unit

The basic unit of college credit at Bluefield State College is the semester hour. Generally, a semester hour is equivalent to one hour per week for a semester in a lecture section. The standard academic load is 15-18 hours. To be considered a full-time student, one must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours. The maximum standard load is 15 hours per semester. During the summer term, the maximum permissible load is 7 semester hours for a five-week term and 14 semester hours for a ten-week term. Students who have a 3.0 or better average overall may request permission from the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to carry one or two additional hours. Although student loads may exceed 18 credit hours in regular semesters when justified and approved, students are advised to refrain from registering for credit loads in excess of 21 hours.

Classification of Students	
Regular students are classified as follows:	
Freshmen	Completed fewer than 32 semester hours credit
Sophomores	Completed a minimum of 32, but fewer than 64 semester hours credit
Juniors	Completed a minimum of 64, but fewer than 96 semester hours credit
Seniors	Completed a minimum of 96 semester hours of credit

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