

# ACADEMIC POLICIES

## STUDENT LOAD

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The maximum academic load for any student, without specific approval from the appropriate Executive Dean or Executive Director, shall be:

1. For fall or spring sixteen (16) week semesters - 19 credit hours
2. For fall or spring eight (8) week semesters – no more than 9 credit hours per session
3. For a twelve (12) week summer session - 14 credit hours
4. For six (6) week summer sessions, - 7 credit hours.
5. For any semester shorter than six weeks a student may take no more than the equivalent of one credit hour per class week.

The maximum academic load for certain cohort programs, such as Fire Science, may exceed these limits.

### OVERLOAD EXCEPTIONS

Exceptional students, whose grade point average exceeds 3.0, may take up to 21 hours in the fall or spring semester or seven (7) hours in a six-week summer semester not to exceed 14 hours for the entire summer, excluding mini-mester courses.

Approval of the exception must be in writing from the appropriate Executive Dean or Executive Director.

Navarro College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Navarro College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Navarro College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).