



Credit Overloads During Required J.D. Curriculum

- A. General Rule:** A full-time J.D. student must take assigned, required courses during the first two semesters and may not take additional courses during the first fall or spring semester except in extraordinary circumstances. A part-time J.D. student must take assigned, required courses during the first four semesters, including the first summer session, and may not take additional courses except in extraordinary circumstances. Students may take the Academic Success Workshop and the Midpoint course without seeking a credit overload.
- B. Process for Requesting a Credit Overload:** A student who is still in the required curriculum — which, for purposes of this policy, includes all courses designated “Required” on the Graduation Requirements Checklist maintained by the Registrar — and seeks to take an additional class should submit the request in writing to the Associate Dean for Academics. The request should identify the course in which the student hopes to enroll and should explain in detail the reasons why the overload should be granted. The Associate Dean for Academics, in his or her sole discretion, will determine whether the request should be granted. If the request is granted, the student must pay for the additional course on a per-credit basis. However if an overload is approved because the student was invited by the College of Law to participate in an honors or co-curricular activity, such as law review, moot court, trial team, ADR board, or the honors program, the student will not have to pay for these additional credits.

Cross-references: Maximum J.D. Credit Hours, Required Courses, Course Selection.

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