

Classification of Students and Student Load

To be classified as a freshman, one must be a graduate of an accredited high school, must be classified as at least a junior in an accredited high school, must be in the gifted program as defined in the Kansas Statutes, or must have successfully completed the GED. Students who do not meet the above requirements are admitted as special students. A student is classified as a sophomore upon attainment of 26 semester hours of credit and a minimum of 52 grade points.

Enrollment in a minimum of 12 hours of college credit is required for classification as a full-time student. A credit hour is defined by the Kansas Board of Regents and the North Central Association's Higher Learning Commission policy.

Fourteen to 18 credit hours per semester are considered a normal load. A minimum of 12 credit hours is required to be classified as a full-time student. By special permission of the chief academic officer and the recommendation of designated student service staff, students may carry from 10 to 21 credit hours providing they were previously enrolled for at least one semester and have a 3.0 grade point average. Students may not carry more than 21 credit hours in a regular semester or 12 credit hours in the summer.

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