

VIII. COURSE LOADS

A. Full-time Students

Full-time students are required to take at least 12 and no more than 16 credit-hours in the fall and spring semesters except by permission of the Associate Dean for Student Services on a showing of good cause.

B. Part-Time Students

Part-time students are required to take at least 8 credit-hours but no more than 11 credit-hours in the fall and spring semesters except by permission of the Associate Dean for Student Services on a showing of good cause.

C. Overloads and Underloads

A student who wishes to take an overload or an underload must submit a petition, via e-mail from a student's official NKU email account, to the Associate Dean for Student Services prior to registration. The Associate Dean for Student Services will approve an overload or underload when it is academically justifiable or where good cause is shown.

D. Good Cause

The normal course load requirements are typical for professional legal education. Good cause for deviations from those requirements is a standard that contemplates exceptional circumstances rather than mere preferences. For example, good cause for reduced course load is not demonstrated by desire to achieve an academic advantage, to remedy an attendance policy violation, or to avoid an anticipated grade lower than the student desires. Good cause for an overload is not demonstrated by a simple desire to graduate early or to avoid paying tuition for an additional semester.