

EXCESS HOURS SURCHARGE

Florida Statute 1009.286 defines "excess hours" as credit hours that exceed the completion requirements for a baccalaureate degree program at State universities. For students enrolling in a State University or a Florida State College System institution for the first time in or after the fall 2009 semester, a tuition rate surcharge will be applied for excess hours. The amount of the surcharge and the allowable "excess hours" are determined by the initial term of entry as indicated below:

1. Fall semester 2009 - summer semester 2011: students will pay a 50% tuition surcharge for each credit hour beyond 120 % in excess of the hours required. For a degree program of 120 required hours this means any credits above 144 will be subject to the surcharge.
2. Fall semester 2011 - summer semester 2012: students will pay a 100% tuition surcharge for each credit hour beyond 115% in excess of the hours required. For a degree program of 120 required hours this means any credits above 138 will be subject to the surcharge.
3. Fall semester 2012 - spring semester 2019: students will pay a 100% tuition surcharge for each credit hour beyond 110% in excess of the hours required. For a degree program of 120 required hours this means any credits above 132 will be subject to the surcharge.
4. Summer semester 2019 and beyond: students will pay a 100% tuition surcharge for each credit hour beyond 120% in excess of the hours required. For a degree program of 120 required hours this means any credits above 144 will be subject to the surcharge.

In determining excess hours the following will be included when calculating the number of hours taken by a student; all credit hours taken while you are at FGCU including courses that you fail, courses that you drop after the Drop/Add period, courses that you repeat, withdrawals and transfer credit earned at another institution and subsequently applied to your degree program here at FGCU. To have any credits exempted or excluded, you must request an adjustment within 1 year of enrollment/re-enrollment at FGCU. If you do not request an adjustment, within this time limit, all attempted credits will remain within your excess hours.

The law does allow for exceptions to the excess hour surcharge. For example, the courses taken under the following circumstances would not count as excess hours:

- Articulated accelerated credit (e.g. Advance Placement, International Baccalaureate, CLEP, Dual Enrollment, etc.)
- Internship credit
- Certification/Recertification and certificate program credits
- Credits withdrawn due to medical or personal hardship
- Credits taken by active-duty military personnel
- Credits required for a dual major
- Remedial and English as a Second Language (ESOL) credit
- Military Science credits in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) programs

All students should make every effort to enroll in and complete only those courses that are required for their degree program. Repeating courses, changing majors and adding minors that are not required as part of a major may result in excess hours. Students should regularly review their

degree audit and consult with an academic advisor to ensure that they are not enrolling in excess hours.

Effective July 1, 2018, FGCU will refund the excess hour surcharge assessed for up to 12 credit hours to any first-time-in-college student who completes a baccalaureate degree program within four years after their initial enrollment at the university.