

Unit Overload Petition



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A Unit Overload Petition is required for students requesting over 18 units in a semester or for students on academic or progress probation requesting more than 13 units in a semester.

Not all students are eligible to obtain an overload; complete the eligibility questionnaire below to determine your status. For eligible students, this request must be submitted to the Admissions & Records Office with all required documentation attached. Allow a minimum of three days for processing.

Eligibility Determination Questions: MARK HERE

- Have you completed at least twelve college units? yes no
- Are you eligible for English IA (through Assessment scores or by completing prerequisites Eng A or ESL 30W)? yes no
- Have you met the Reading competency requirement (through Assessment or coursework—Eng 1B, 1C, 11, 50, 51, History 35, Philosophy 4)? yes no

If you answered **NO** to any of the above questions—**STOP**: You are not eligible for an overload at this time.

Are you applying to the Fire Academy or Police Academy? yes* no

***If YES, STOP.** Apply for your overload directly with the Academy offices.
Admin. of Justice Dept. 916.781.6273 or Fire Technology Dept. 916.781.6250.

Are you on Academic or Progress probation? yes** no

****If YES**, attach a typewritten response to the following three questions. (Your answers are important in determining if you will be granted a unit load beyond 13 units. Your request will not be considered without this attachment.)

- What caused you to receive poor grades or to withdraw from classes in the past?
- What changes you have made to ensure a better academic record and/or the ability to complete classes in the future?
- How does the 13 unit limit for students on probation produce an undue hardship for you? (college taking longer is not sufficient; explain in detail how this limit is a disadvantage)

Do you have a GPA of 2.8 or higher (non-probation students)? yes no***

If you have a **3.0 or higher**, and are not on probation, you will be granted an overload up to 20 units. Complete this form and turn in to Admissions & Records.

If you have a **2.8 or higher** AND you have **at least 30 units completed**, you will be granted an overload up to 20 units. Complete this form and turn in to Admissions & Records.

*****If you DO NOT have at least a 2.8 GPA — STOP — You are not eligible for an overload at this time.**

Do you want a unit load of 21 or more units? yes no

If YES, you must have completed at least 18 units total **AND** you must have completed 15 units or more in a single previous semester, **AND** you cannot be on any type of probation.

This request may or may not be granted, based upon your record and demonstrated benefit. If you meet the above requirements, complete the other side of this form now. You will need to attach a typewritten explanation of why this overload is necessary to accomplish your goals and describe your other commitments (hours employed per week, etc.)

