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Petition for Overload of Credit

If you wish to take more than the maximum credit load of 18 in either the fall or spring semester, more than 7 credits during one summer session, or more than one course during winter session, please fill out both sides of this form, including a short statement that explains why the overload is both desirable and possible. The Dean will consider your GPA, the number of credits you have successfully completed in the past, the specific courses you wish to take, and how close you are to graduation.

Qualifications for credit overloads: Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5; no unresolved INCs; no Academic Sanctions (Academic Warning, Probation, Reinstatement from Suspension or Dismissal); additional course(s) must be appropriate.

This petition will not affect the 18-credit limit for pre-registration. Even if your request is approved, the Registrar cannot activate it on the SPIRE system until approximately one week prior to the beginning of the next semester; thus, you will not be able to add the overload course(s) before then.

You will receive the Dean's response in the near future.

Name _____ Date _____

Major _____ Expected Grad Date _____

Local Address _____ Phone _____

SPIRE ID Number _____ Email _____

Overload Term: Fall Spring Summer I Summer II Winter

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS YOU WISH TO TAKE (regular plus overload) _____

Be sure to complete the back of this form.

Dean's Decision

Approved for: _____ Credits _____ Denied / Table

Dean's Initials: _____ Date _____

Student Emailed Decision _____ Date _____

Dean's Comments

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Please list all of the courses in which you are currently enrolled and mark each with an asterisk (*). Then indicate the course(s) you want to add with no asterisk.

Department/Number

Title

Credits

Personal Statement: Please explain your reason(s) for requesting an overload. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.
