

SPHHS University Without Walls Credit Overload Petition

**only for students whose primary major is in SPHHS **

Please complete this petition if you are requesting a credit overload for courses taken through University Without Walls. The University Without Walls policy limits credit course loads to 11 credits per semester during the fall and spring; 4 credits in Winter Session; and 16 credits during Summer Sessions (not to exceed 8 credits in any session). A credit overload may be granted if your petition is approved by the SPHHS Academic Dean.

For a petition to be reviewed, the following requirements must be met: a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2; no unresolved INCs; no Academic Sanctions (e.g., Academic Warning, Probation, Reinstatement from Suspension or Dismissal); and students must have completed the first semester of their first year. Also, please be aware that winter credit overloads are rarely approved due to the short duration of the winter intersession.

Instructions

- Complete the petition.
- Email or bring the petition to a SPHHS Student Success Advisor or bring it to the SPHHS Academic Dean's Office, room 121 Arnold House:
Tracy Eason: taeason@umass.edu, 130 Arnold House
 - Public Health and Nutrition majors
 - SPHHS Exploratory Track (for students with last name starting with A-K)
- **Torin Moore:** tymoore@umass.edu, 127 Arnold House
 - Kinesiology and Communication Disorders majors
 - SPHHS Exploratory Track (for students with last name starting with L-Z)

I. Student Information

Name: _____ Email: _____@umass.edu Date: _____

SPIRE ID: _____ Primary Major: _____ Phone #: _____

Total Credits Earned to Date: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

UMass Cumulative GPA: _____

II. List Term and Year of Overload of Credits Request

Term: _____ Year: _____

Will you be employed during the semester of overload? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide an estimate of the total hours per week. _____

III. List All Courses You Plan To Take This Semester, including Independent Study/Internship
Please list the courses that you plan to enroll in (rank order of importance). Clearly identify which course you want to enroll in that exceeds the credit limit. You are advised to enroll in the courses that are most important to your academic plan now in case they fill up. Please include the following: Course Dept. & Number; Course Title; and Number of Credits.

IV. Additional Information-Explain why you are requesting a credit overload and how you plan to be successful. The Academic Dean will consider your GPA, the number of credits you have successfully completed in the past and the specific courses you wish to take.

V. Student Signature-I understand that the SPHHS Center for Student Success Committee and Academic Dean will review the petition. The decision may take up to three weeks. I will be notified of the outcome through my UMass email.

Student Signature

Date

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Type of Documentation Submitted (if required) _____

Decision (Associate Dean or Director of CSS initials): Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Date student was emailed of decision: _____ Initial: _____