

STUDENT ACADEMIC LOAD

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

A normal academic load is from twelve to eighteen (12-18) units per term. Students taking less than twelve (12) units are considered part-time. Students who are employed for more than three hours of work daily may find that twelve units is a sufficient load. Students contemplating participation in Commencement with provisional honors should consider carefully their academic course load and refer to the Academic Honors (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/academic-policies/academic-honors/>) section of the catalog.

Students who wish to register for more than eighteen (18) units must have a cumulative 3.00 average and must secure advance written approval from the Department Chair of their major. Ideally, a student should budget two hours of preparation for each class hour.

The following persons must maintain twelve or more credits per term: international students possessing a student visa (F-1 status), Social Security dependents, Education and Training benefits (veterans or dependents of veterans), students who participate in intercollegiate athletics, and students whose extra-curricular programs dictate.

The minimum number of units an undergraduate or credential student must take in order to be financial aid eligible is 6 units.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The normal full-time academic load for graduate students varies by degree program and is generally between 6-9 units per term. The minimum number of units a graduate student must take in order to be financial aid eligible is 5 units.

Graduate students receiving Education and Training benefits (veterans or dependents of veterans) must maintain a load of 6 units per term.

