

# Tuition Surcharge for Excess Credit Hours

## State Board of Regents, Tuition and Fees, Policy 510

**4.15. Tuition Surcharge for Excess Credit Hours** - Beginning not later than January 2003, Tuition for credit hours in excess of 135% of the credits required for completion of a student's program of study, excluding credit hours earned through concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, and credit by examination, shall be charged at the full cost of instruction unless the institution determines that the student should be exempt from this surcharge because:

**4.15.1.** the credits are necessary for the student to complete the student's program of study; and

**4.15.1.1.** the excess credits are a result of circumstances where a substantial number of credits from a transferring institution could not be applied to the program of study;

**4.15.1.2.** the excess credits are the result of a reasonable enhancement of the student's major by the addition of a minor or emphasis to the program of study; or

**4.15.1.3.** the excess credits are the result of a re-entry into the educational system by a student who may have accumulated a large number of credits, or even completed degrees, but where employment requirements obligate his or her return to college.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

Q Why is there a surcharge for excessive credits?

A Because of limited funding to support higher education, the State Board of Regents understands that institutions must lose some flexibility in order to meet the needs of a large college-going population. Bottleneck classes that can delay students' graduation may be exacerbated by students who repeat courses or who take many more credits than the 120-126 required for a degree.

Q How many credits are considered "in excess of 135% of the credits required for completion of a student's program of study"?

A 170. USU programs range from 120-126 credits. 170 credits is 135% of 126.

Q What must I do if I believe I meet the exemption as outlined in the policy above?

A Submit a Petition to Waive Surcharge form found at [www.usu.edu/registrar/forms](http://www.usu.edu/registrar/forms). The form must be completed by your advisor and signed by the Associate Dean of your academic college then submitted to the Registrar's Office (TSC 246).