

SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**SUBJECT:** Academic Course Load**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2000; Revised November 28, 2001; Revised February 9, 2023**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish academic course loads for students of Southwest Tennessee Community College (“Southwest” or “the College”).

Policy

In accordance with the requirement set forth by the College’s governing body, the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Academic Catalog shall define a full-time course load, as well as a maximum course load.

College courses require a considerable investment of time by students. In addition to class time, students are expected to commit time for study, assigned reading, written assignments, and research. As a result, the number of semester credit hours of courses in which a student may enroll during a term is restricted.

During the fall and spring semesters, the normal academic load for a full-time student is at least twelve (12) semester credit hours and may not exceed eighteen (18) semester credit hours without prior approval of the appropriate Division Dean.

During any one (1) five-week summer term, a student may enroll in no more than eight (8) semester credit hours without prior approval of the appropriate Division Dean.

Students on approved cooperative education assignments are involved in a full-time academic experience at Southwest. Students are required to register for a 3-hour or 4-hour Southwest cooperative education course each semester they are completing a practice assignment. This action qualifies them as continuing full-time students of Southwest and allows them to receive credit for the practice semester.

Responsible**Source of Policy:** n/a**Administrator:** VP of Academic Affairs**Related Policy:** _____**TBR Policy Reference:** 2.04.00.01**Approved:** _____**Date:** February 9, 2023**President**