

The Excess Hour Surcharge is a Florida statutory requirement, designed to encourage timely graduation by imposing a surcharge on enrollment, once students exceed a certain percentage of minimum requirements.

Q: Will I have to pay any Excess Hour Surcharge fees at some point?

A: Maybe, but typically these conditions must apply:

- 1) NCF—or any other Florida public 2-year or 4-year college or university*—is the first college you attended directly after high school; and
- 2) you first attended college starting in Fall 2009 or later; and
- 3) you are currently in at least your 9th semester contract attempt (including transfer credit, except for dual enrollment hours applied to transfer credit).

Q: What if I have already attempted at least 8 contracts and 3 ISPs—will I have to pay Excess Hour Surcharge fees?

A: Probably. All NCF Contract attempts, ISP attempts, and transfer credit count (except for dual enrollment hours applied to transfer credit). You are most likely to be billed for the surcharge if you have already attempted at least 8 semester contracts (including non-dual enrollment transfer credit). But we track each student’s record individually, and apply approved exemptions. Exactly how much surcharge you might be charged, and when, would be based on your “FTIC Entry Term.”

Q: How are minimum graduation requirements measured?

A. Minimum graduation requirements are measured as 7 satisfactory contracts and 3 satisfactory ISPs, represented by 124 billing hours (for 16 credit hour equivalents per contract, and 4 credit hour equivalents per ISP):

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \text{ contracts} \times 16 = 112 \\ \underline{3 \text{ ISPs} \times 4 = 12} \\ \text{Total billing hours } 124 \end{array}$$

Starting in Fall 2015, for a trial period to be determined by the Board of Trustees, the 8th contract attempt will be billed at 12 credit hour equivalents. (To learn which semester is projected to count as your 8th contract attempt, please contact records@ncf.edu.)

Was NCF—or <u>any</u> public 2-year or 4-year college or university—the <u>first</u> college you attended directly after high school? If so, your “FTIC Entry Term” should be your first semester of college after high school	FTIC Entry Term Fall 2009-Summer 2011	FTIC Entry Term Fall 2011- Summer 2012	FTIC Entry Term Fall 2012- Summer 2019	FTIC Entry Term Fall 2019+ forward**
How many of your total contract and ISP billing hours should be protected from the surcharge? (Including non-dual enrollment transfer credit)	148.8 billing hours (120% of 124)	142.6 billing hours (115% of 124)	136.4 billing hours (110% of 124)	148.8 billing hours (120% of 124)
If you go beyond 8 contracts and 3 ISPs, how much should you expect to pay in surcharge, per billing hour, as you continue to enroll? <i>(projected, based on rates for Academic Year 2019-2020)</i>	an additional \$52.54 per billing hour (50% of the matriculation fee)	an additional \$105.07 per billing hour (100% of the matriculation fee)	an additional \$105.07 per billing hour (100% of the matriculation fee)	an additional \$105.07 per billing hour (100% of the matriculation fee)

*If your first college after high school was a private college, or an out-of-state college, you should be exempt from the Excess Hour Surcharge; however, if you do not maintain continuous enrollment, see the next item.

**If your FTIC Entry Term is Fall 2012 or later, and you do not maintain continuous enrollment—for example, you withdraw and return, or you fail to return on time from LOA or ELOA—then you may be subject to future changes in Excess Hour Surcharge requirements.

Are any exemptions permitted? Yes—students are responsible for asking the Office of the Registrar to review these, to ensure accuracy:

- Contract and ISP attempts withdrawn for reasons of medical or personal hardship
- Contracts and ISPs taken by active-duty military personnel
 - Contracts or ISPs attempted for which the student has paid full cost of instruction
- Contracts and ISPs required to achieve a double Area of Concentration
- Dual enrollment
- Units earned through internship programs