

New College of Florida Office of the Registrar

Excess Hour Surcharge

The excess hour surcharge is a state-mandated fee intended to encourage students to complete their baccalaureate degree as quickly and efficiently as possible (within the minimum time required for the degree). The bill that was passed by the State Legislature established what is generally referred to as an "Excess Credit Hour Surcharge." The bill requires Florida state universities (New College of Florida is a state university) to add a surcharge to each credit hour attempted in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the degree being pursued. The amount in excess of the total hours is calculated based on a percentage defined in the law and is referred to by New College of Florida as the *Excess Hours Threshold*. The amount charged per credit hour is a calculated amount referred to as the surcharge.

The excess hour surcharge is not related to a student's financial aid.

The excess hour surcharge for students who enter a Florida state university for the first time and maintain continuous enrollment is as follows:

- (a) For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, an excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.
- (b) For the 2011-2012 academic year, an excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 115 percent.
- (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year through the 2019 spring term, an excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent.
- (d) **For the 2019 summer term and thereafter, an excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.**

(New College of Florida will refund the excess hour surcharge assessed a student for up to 12 semester credit hours to any first-time-in-college (FTIC) student who completes a baccalaureate degree program within 4 years after his or her initial enrollment at the College.)

The following credit hours count toward Excess Credit Hours:

- Failed courses
- Courses dropped after the College's add/drop period
- Courses from which a student withdraws
- Repeated courses. Exception: repeated courses for which the student has paid the repeat course surcharge as provided in Section 1009.285, Florida Statutes
- All credit earned at another institution, accepted for transfer at New College, and applied toward the student's baccalaureate degree program

The following credit hours do not count toward Excess Credit Hours:

- College credit earned through articulated accelerated mechanisms such as AP, IB, CLEP, AICE, or dual enrollment
- Credit hours earned through an internship
- Credit hours required for certification, recertification, or certificate programs
- Courses from which the student withdraws for reasons of medical or personal hardship
- Credit taken by active-duty military personnel
- Credit hours taken to achieve a double-major while pursuing a baccalaureate degree
- Remedial and English-as-a-second-language credit hours
- Credit hours earned in military science courses that are part of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program

The number of credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree at New College of Florida is 124 credit hours (31 units).