

HARPUR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HARPUR OVERLOADS

Who may petition for an overload?

- Students in good academic standing with less than a 3.3 cumulative GPA and wish to take more than 18 credits;
- Students with more than a 3.3 cumulative GPA who wish to take 23 or 24 credits

I want to overload a course. How do I go about this?

- Talk to the instructor to confirm that they will allow you to late add, if necessary, into the course.
- Submit the overload petition form.
- Continue to attend class until you receive an email with the outcome of your petition.

I have a 3.3 GPA and want to register for 22 credits. Do I need to petition?

No. The registration system will automatically allow students with a 3.3 or higher GPA to overload up to 22 credits on the first day of the semester.

I have a 3.3 GPA and want to register for 24 credits. Do I need to petition?

Yes. You will be automatically approved for up to 22 on the first day of the semester but you will need additional approval to take 23 or 24 credits.

I have less than a 3.3 GPA and want to register for 18 to 24 credits. Do I need to petition?

Yes. You must submit an overload petition for consideration. However, it is highly unlikely that such a petition will be approved. Students must present extraordinary circumstances.

I was approved for an overload but the course isn't on my schedule. Why not?

Overload approval is a separate process from adding a course. Students are responsible for adding courses to their schedule. If it is before the add deadline, students should add courses to their schedule through the BU Brain. Occasionally a course is closed or restricted; students will need to go to the department office to be added. If it is after the add deadline, please submit a [late add form](#).

Why do I have to wait until the first day of the semester to add the course I am approved to overload?

Harpur College wants to provide all students with an equal opportunity to register for courses and does so by allowing all students time prior to the first day of classes to get a full schedule.

If your question was not addressed here, please see a Harpur College academic advisor in OH-110.