

## OVERLOAD or UNDERLOAD

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In the summer term, the normal load shall be six units, but in justifiable cases, the Dean may allow a student to take 9 units. [Art 341, UP Code 1975] See Figure 1 for request for overload flowchart.

### NOTES:

1. *A standard form shall be used by all OCS in the application of overload.*
2. *The approval to overload shall only consider students under the following conditions:*
  - a. *Students who are graduating, transferees, or shiftees within the academic year.*
  - b. *The student is in good standing with no grades below 3.0 and INC.*
3. *Program advisers should discourage the practice of students hoping to graduate with honors to overload and then drop courses later if they feel that they will not be getting high grades.*
4. *During the summer term, a graduating student with only 9 units remaining may be allowed to take all the 9 units.*
5. *If a student's academic load in a semester is less than 15 units or less than the normal academic load prescribed by the curriculum, he/she is said to be underloaded. This may affect his/her chances of graduating with honors, even if his/her grades qualify him/her for such. Thus, program advisers should make sure that the student understands this consequence of underloading.*
6. *If a student has only 15 units remaining in his/her curriculum, but one of the courses equivalent to 3 units is offered only the following semester, he/she must then enroll in all the remaining 12 units during the current semester, as required of him/her. In this case, his/her chances for graduating with honors shall not be jeopardized.*
7. *It is the responsibility of the program adviser/College Secretary to explain to the student the consequences of underloading.*
8. *In UPV, Tacloban only graduating students are allowed to apply for overload*



### Reminders:

#### Regular academic load

- For undergraduate students, the maximum academic load is eighteen (18) non-laboratory units, or twenty-one (21) units including laboratory, except in programs where the prescribed load for the semester is more than eighteen (18) units.
- On the graduate level, full-time students are allowed the normal load of 9-12 units per semester or 8-10 units per trimester. During the midyear session, the normal load is 6 units. No graduate student employed on a full-time basis shall be allowed an academic load of more than 10 units in any semester unless s/he has the prior approval of the head of the graduate unit to which s/he belongs.

#### Rules on underload:

- Students who are candidates for graduation with honors must have taken during each semester/trimester/quarter not less than fifteen (15) units of credit or the normal load prescribed in the curriculum in cases where such normal load is less than fifteen (15) units, unless the lighter load was due to justifiable causes such as health reasons, the unavailability of subjects needed in the curriculum to complete the full load, or the fact that the candidate is a working student (Revised UP Code: Art. 414 as amended at 884th BOR: 31 March 1977).
- To justify underloading, the submission of pertinent documents to the Office of the University Registrar through the Office of the College Secretary is required as follows:
  1. **for health reasons** - medical certification to be confirmed by the University Health Service;
  2. **for unavailability of subjects** - certification by the adviser and copy of schedule of classes;
  3. **for employment** - copy of payroll and appointment papers indicating, among others, the duration of employment. It is the responsibility of the student to establish beyond reasonable doubt the veracity of the cause(s) of underloading. It is required that documents submitted to establish the cause(s) of the light loading must be sworn to
  4. **for no more courses to take based on the curriculum** - certification by the adviser that there are no more courses to take.

#### Rules on overload:

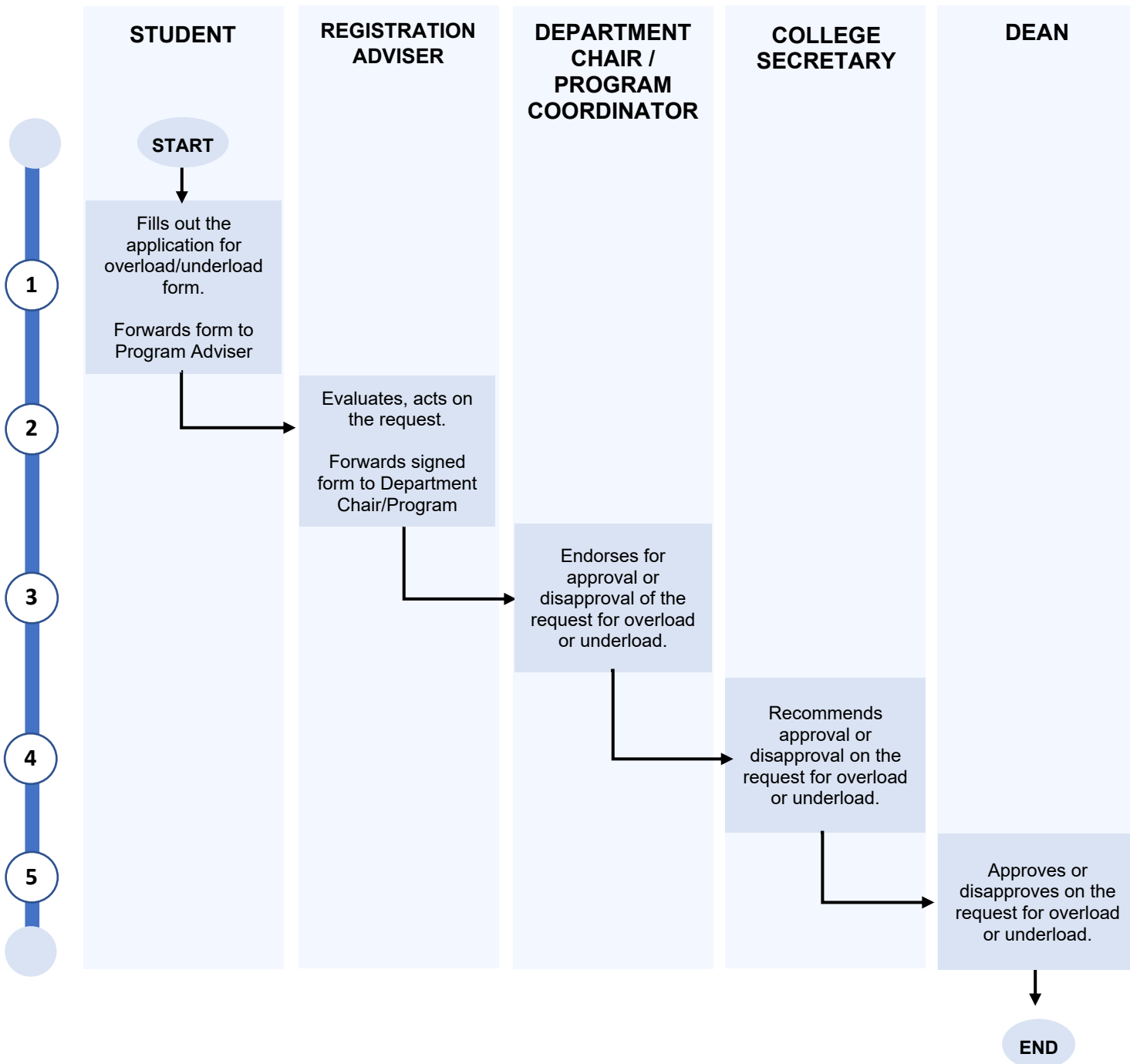
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#### Submission of application to overload or underload:

- Application to overload or underload, together with the required documents, should be submitted during the registration period of the applicable semester.



## Application for Overload or Underload





UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES VISAYAS  
**APPLICATION TO OVERLOAD or UNDERLOAD**



\_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Term, AY \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic standing as of last enrollment:

- Good Standing  
 Warning  
 Probation  
 Permanently Disqualified

Curriculum-prescribed load this semester: \_\_\_\_\_ units

Request to:  OVERLOAD, of \_\_\_\_\_ units  
 UNDERLOAD, of \_\_\_\_\_ units

<i>For request to OVERLOAD</i>	<i>For request to UNDERLOAD</i>
Reason(s) for registering more than the curriculum requirement of the current semester: <input type="checkbox"/> Graduating <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Reason(s) for registering less than 15 units: <input type="checkbox"/> Unavailability of subjects <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Working student (outside the university) <input type="checkbox"/> No more courses to take based on the curriculum

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Student

*(Follow the numeric sequence)*

(1) Certified correct:

(2) Endorsed

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and signature of Registration Adviser*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and signature of Department Chair/Program Coordinator*

(3) Recommending Approval/Disapproval

(4) Approved/Disapproved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and signature of College Secretary*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and signature of Dean*

**Attachments:**

- Plan of Study  
 Medical certification (for health reason)  
 Copy of schedule of classes and certification by the adviser (for unavailability of course)  
 Copy of payroll and appointment papers (for employment reason)  
 Certification by the adviser that there are no more courses to take based on the curriculum