

Tuition Surcharge

Effective Fall 2010, undergraduate students seeking a baccalaureate degree at UNCSA will be subject to a 50 percent tuition surcharge as required by the North Carolina General Statute Section 9.10.(b) § 116-143.7 (Session law 2009-451). No surcharge will be imposed on any student who exceeds the degree credit hour limits within the equivalent of four academic years of regular semester enrollment, or within five years of regular term enrollment in a degree program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year program. UNCSA has no five-year undergraduate programs approved by the Board of Governors.

Students Subject to the Surcharge

The surcharge is imposed on all counted credit hours in excess of the threshold defined below for each of the following three categories of undergraduates:

- For students earning a first baccalaureate degree in a program that requires no more than 128 credit hours, the surcharge shall be applied to all counted credit hours in excess of 140.
- For students earning a first baccalaureate degree in a board-approved program that requires more than 128 counted credit hours, the surcharge shall be applied to all credit hours that exceed 110 percent of the credit hours required for the degree. Such programs include those that have been officially designated by the Board of Governors as four-year exempt (four-year programs with credit requirements above 128) or five-year programs.
- For students earning a baccalaureate degree other than their first, the surcharge shall be applied to all counted credit hours that exceed 110 percent of the minimum additional credit hours needed to earn the additional baccalaureate degree.

Counted Credit Hours

The undergraduate credit hours to be counted for this requirement include:

- all regular fall and spring semester degree-creditable courses taken at UNCSA including repeated courses, failed courses, and those dropped or withdrawn outside of the published deadline; and
- all transfer credit hours accepted by UNCSA.

However, the following credit hours shall be excluded from the calculation:

- those earned through the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or similar programs;
- those earned through institutional advanced placement;
- those earned through the summer session;
- credit earned while enrolled as a high school student; and
- credit associated with courses officially dropped or withdrawn within the published time period.

The surcharge will be imposed in the fall or spring semester and all subsequent semesters where a student's cumulative credit hour total exceeds the threshold. The surcharge is imposed on tuition only and does not apply to fees.

The registrar will make every attempt to warn any student who appears to be within 20 hours of the threshold.

Students may contact the Office of the Registrar for their current semester hour information.

Waiver Procedure

Upon application by the student, the tuition charge shall be waived if the student demonstrates that any of the following have substantially disrupted or interrupted the student's pursuit of a degree:

- **Military Service Obligation** – The performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in connection with service in the Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard including, but not limited to; active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, and inactive duty training.
- **Serious Medical Debilitation** - An illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition requiring; (a) inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or (b) continuing treatment by a health care provider; provided that such incapacity did not result from the student's violation of University policy or the commission of a felony.
- **Disability** - A mental or physical incapacity that causes the performance of the student's academic commitments to become impossible or impractical; provided that such incapacity did not result from the student's violation of University policy or the commission of a felony.
- **Other Extraordinary Hardship** - Hardship of any kind which, despite responsible handling, resulted in the substantial disruption or interruption of the student's pursuit of a degree.

Application for Surcharge Waiver

Applications for waiver of an imposed surcharge are available at the Office of the Registrar in the Welcome Center, and will be sent via email upon request.