

Do Students Enrolled in 15 Hours or More Earn Better Grades Than Those Who Take Less Hours?

Credit Hours by Semester	Total Enrolled	Less than 2.5 GPA		2.5 or greater GPA	
		N	%	N	%
Fall 2012					
Less than 15	7127	3849	54.0%	3278	46.0%
15 or more	386	176	45.6%	210	54.4%
Spring 2013					
Less than 15	6600	3586	54.3%	3014	45.7%
15 or more	395	125	31.6%	270	68.4%
Fall 2013					
Less than 15	6798	3294	48.5%	3504	51.5%
15 or more	478	179	37.4%	299	62.6%
Spring 2014					
Less than 15	6576	3232	49.1%	3344	50.9%
15 or more	423	125	29.6%	298	70.4%
Fall 2014					
Less than 15	7424	3595	48.4%	3829	51.6%
15 or more	446	142	31.8%	304	68.2%
Spring 2015					
Less than 15	6526	3084	47.3%	3442	52.7%
15 or more	465	127	27.3%	338	72.7%
Fall 2015					
Less than 15	6713	3263	48.6%	3450	51.4%
15 or more	414	127	30.7%	287	69.3%

This analysis found that those students enrolled in 15 or more credit hours a semester earned better grades and overall GPAs than those who took less than 15 credit hours a semester. This held true for all seven semesters that were analyzed.

*Only grades of A,B,C,D and F were included in this analysis. Developmental courses were excluded because they do not factor into the GPA.