

## Ashoka UG Policy on Maximum Credits per Semester

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*with effect from Monsoon 2021*

The following regulations govern the maximum credit load in a semester:

1. In their **first semester** students take maximally 18 credits. These will be acquired through taking
  - a) *Foundation Courses* (FCs), including the *Introduction to Critical Thinking* course (if assigned) [4 credits],
  - b) *English Communications Course* (if required) [4 credits], or
  - c) *Calculus Enabler* (if opted for) [4 credits].
  - d) a *Co-Curricular course* (CC) [2 credits]
2. In their **second, third and fourth semester**, students may take up to 22 credits per semester. These will be acquired through taking
  - a) *FCs* [4 credits each],
  - b) regular *Major/Minor courses* [typically 4 credits each],
  - c) *CCs* [2 credits], or
  - d) *Independent Study Modules* (ISMs) [2 or 4 credits each]. By default, students cannot take ISMs for more than 8 credits during their UG degree.
3. In their **fifth semester and beyond** [while still pursuing their UG degree], students may take up to 26 credits per semester. These may be acquired through taking
  - a) *FCs* (where still required) [4 credits each],
  - b) regular *Major/Minor courses* [typically 4 credits each],
  - c) *CCs* [2 credits],
  - d) *ISMs* [2 or 4 credits],
  - e) *Teaching Practica/Assistantships* [typically 2 or 4 credits].
    - a. There may be department-relative limits on how many credits a student can earn through Teaching Assistantships toward various credentials. Students are advised to inquire about the specifics with their respective home departments.
    - b. In some departments, students pursuing Teaching Assistantships receive remuneration, not credits. For students pursuing such a Teaching Assistantship in their fifth semesters or beyond, the maximum credit count in that semester is 22 credits (in addition to their o-credit Teaching Assistantship).
4. The maximum course load in a **summer semester** is 10 credits. These may be acquired through a suitable combination of
  - a) *FCs* (where still required) [4 credits each],
  - b) taking regular *Major/Minor courses* [4 credits each],
  - c) pursuing *ISMs* [2 or 4 credits each],
  - d) taking a *CC* [2 credits], or
  - e) pursuing a *Teaching Assistantship* [2 or 4 credits].