

UG Minimum Credits per Semester Policy (OAA, draft April 22)

To remain in good academic standing, students are expected to complete a minimum number of credits per regular academic semester. This policy governs what this number is in various circumstances.

1. The minimum expected credit count per semester is 16 credits (typically the equivalent of four 4-credit courses).
2. Students who require and have been granted special accommodations by the Office of Learning Support (OLS) – due to e.g. a relevant learning disability – can go below the minimum credit count as per the approved accommodation.
3. Students who haven't been granted special accommodations can request a reduction to 12 credits in exceptional circumstances only. Such requests need to be well-documented with regard to the exceptional circumstances and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. If approved, students will be asked to sign an undertaking that signals a) their acknowledgement of and full responsibility for the implications of going below 16 credits on their further trajectory at Ashoka and b) their commitment to graduating on time or as soon as possible thereafter.
4. Some of the implications alluded to in Art. 3 may concern
 - a. the overall duration of the student's UG studies,
 - b. the availability (or lack thereof) of courses not taken in the semester in question that students may need to complete some or several of their desired credentials,
 - c. the student's eligibility to be directly admitted to the Ashoka Scholars Programme (ASP).
5. Students in their sixth semester may request a reduction to 12 credits provided they require no more credits to meet all their graduation requirements. Such students, too, will sign an undertaking signaling that they take full responsibility for the implications of going below 16 credits.
6. Late graduates, i.e. students studying in their 7th semester and above may enroll for even less than 12 credits provided they require no more credits to meet all their graduation requirements.