

## Senate Recommendation to the Interim Provost

**Originating Body:** Faculty Senate

**Originator:** Senator Anita Brown

**Date Submitted:** 3/11/2026

**Requested Effective Date:** 8/31/2026

**Recommendation:**

The Faculty Senate requests that the SU Catalog be altered to increase the number of credits for which a student may register without needing permission, as shown in the appended motion. The requested effective date is the first day of the Fall 2026 semester because the motion requests that the changes be made for that semester.

**Date Approved by the Faculty Senate:** 03/10/2026

David Keifer

**President, Faculty Senate**

03/11/2026

**Date**

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**Action Taken by Interim Provost**

**Date:** 03/19/26

Recommendation Accepted

Recommendation Not Accepted\*

Recommendation returned to the Originating Body for further review (see attached)

**Disposition for Approved Recommendation:**

President

VP Student Affairs

Faculty Senate President

VP Finance

Consortium Chair

School Deans

Webmaster

Graduate Council

Catalogue Editor

Provost Council

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**Interim Provost**

03/19/26

**Date**

## SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Students May Register for 8 Credits in Winter Without Permission

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Anita Brown

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION: Jose Juncosa

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### **MOTION** (this section alone will be recorded in the minutes):

Beginning in Fall 2026, students should be able to register for up to 8 credits in winter terms without requesting permission from their academic advisor and dean; however, if the registration in winter would involve two or more courses that include labs, students will need to obtain permission from their academic advisor and dean.

The SU Catalog shall be altered as shown below

#### **Current Catalog Copy**

Most programs at the University are designed for completion within a four-year time period, provided the student completes an average of 15 to 16 credits of coursework each regular semester. While 12 to 19 credits is considered full time for tuition purposes, 15 credits is considered by the University to be an average load. Students registering for more than 19 fall/spring semester, 8 summer terms and/ or 7 winter term credits must receive written approval of their advisor and the dean of the school housing their major. Students may obtain the appropriate form from the [Office of the Registrar website](#).

#### **New Catalog Copy**

Most programs at the University are designed for completion within a four-year time period, provided the student completes an average of 15 to 16 credits of coursework each regular semester. While 12 to 19 credits is considered full time for tuition purposes, 15 credits is considered by the University to be an average load. **Students registering for more than 19 credits during a fall or spring semester, more than 8 credits during a summer term, more than 8 credits during winter term, or multiple lab courses during winter term, must receive written approval of their advisor and the dean of the school/college housing their major.** Students may obtain the appropriate form from the [Office of the Registrar website](#).

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Current policy is that students wishing to enroll in more than 7 credits during winter term must obtain permission from their advisor and dean. The SU Student Success Council investigated and reported that prior to the conversion of most courses to 4 credits, students were frequently able to enroll in two winter classes (other than lab courses) without seeking approval. The Student Success Council believes that permitting students to enroll in up to 8 credits in winter, without needing approval, will benefit students by

- helping students to increase their yearly credit count
- helping students recover from a low GPA semester
- helping students recover from an under-enrolled semester

An increase to 8 credits in winter would permit students to enroll in two lab courses without requiring permission, which the current policy does not permit. Lab courses involve extended seat time. In a fall

