

Excess Hours Surcharge

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2012-2013 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

USF Regulation 4.0102

In 2009, the Florida Legislature implemented Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes to encourage students to complete their baccalaureate degree as quickly and efficiently as possible. It established what is commonly referred to as an "Excess Credit Hour Surcharge." The provisions of this section became effective for students who entered a Florida community college or a Florida state university for the first time in the 2009-2010 academic year and thereafter.

The bill requires universities to add a surcharge to each credit hour taken in excess of the total hours calculated, based on a percentage defined in law. See the following table:

Students Entering as FTIC SUS (First Time in College State University System of Florida) or FTIC FCS (First Time in College Florida College System)	Fees to be Charged
Prior to Fall 2009	None
Fall 2009 – Summer 2011	50% for credits above 120% of total program hours
Fall 2011 – Summer 2012	100% for credits above 115% of total program hours
Fall 2012 and thereafter	100% for credits above 110% of total program hours

The surcharge is assessed only on the tuition portion of the semester hour cost, not on the fees.

The number of total program hours required for the baccalaureate degree will be identified by the student's declared major. This is typically 120 semester hours, although, some programs have been approved to require more than 120 semester hours.

For further information, visit the Registrar's website at: www.registrar.usf.edu.

Note: No institution may waive the excess hours surcharge as the language of the statute is mandatory.