

AURORA UNIVERSITY

Hybrid Learning Experience Enrollment Policy for Undergraduate Students

Office of Academic Affairs | Effective Fall 2026

Purpose

This policy establishes online credit hours and charges for on-campus and online undergraduate students in a hybrid campus. This policy is designed to preserve the integrity of the academic experience on-ground and on-line, support student success, and ensure compliance with federal financial aid eligibility requirements.

Online Credit Hours for On-Campus Undergraduate Students

On-campus undergraduate students during the fall and spring semesters may not exceed approximately 50% of their total semester credit hours. During summer terms, on-campus undergraduate students may enroll in online coursework without restriction.

| Semester Credit Hours Enrolled | Maximum Online Credit Hours per Semester | Approximate Online % per Semester |
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| 15 or more | 8 credit hours | ~50% |
| Fewer than 15 | 4 credit hours | ~50% |

These limits apply to fully online course sections. They do not apply to hybrid courses.

Why Online Enrollment Is Monitored

Aurora University monitors online enrollment for on-campus undergraduate students for a number of reasons, including maintaining the integrity of the on-campus experience, supporting intentional program sequencing, and ensuring compliance with federal financial aid eligibility requirements.

Program-Level Course Restrictions - Hybrid On-Ground Major

When a student is registered in an undergraduate hybrid on-ground major, the program may identify the specific courses a student may take in an online format.

This provision exists to:

- Support intentional curriculum sequencing and cohort-based learning experiences
- Protect the pedagogical integrity of courses with significant hands-on, clinical, laboratory, or experiential components
- Facilitate effective curriculum management and scheduling across modalities

Program-level course designations must be formally documented in the program's curriculum management plan, approved by the relevant Dean, and communicated to students in writing no later than the start of the advising period preceding registration. Designations will be published in the Aurora University Course Catalog and maintained in CourseDog.

International Students

International students on an F-1 or J-1 visa are subject to the same online credit hour limits as domestic on-campus undergraduate students. However, because visa regulations impose specific requirements regarding in-person enrollment, each international student's individual circumstances must be reviewed and approved by Dr. Tarling prior to any online enrollment. International students should consult with the Office of International Student Services before registering for online coursework.

Online Undergraduate Students Taking On-Campus Courses

Online undergraduate students who wish to enroll in on-campus courses may do so at the student's current billing rate. This rate will be applied per credit hour for any on-campus coursework taken in addition to their online program enrollment.

Exceptions

Students may request an exception to this policy through the Department Chair or Coordinator, Dean of the College and the Office of Advising. Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.

Approved by: _____ *Paige K. Tisler* _____ Date: _____ 4.1.26 _____
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