125% Credit Hour Threshold

The Code of Virginia establishes rules for eligibility for in-state tuition for all students enrolled at public institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Section 23-7.4:F of the Code of Virginia further requires undergraduate students to maintain progress toward the degree to comply with continued eligibility for in-state tuition.

Students with entry dates fall 2006 and after may not exceed completed hours that total 125% of the credit hours needed for a specific degree program and retain in-state tuition eligibility. Students exceeding 125% will be assessed a surcharge for each semester of continued enrollment after exceeding the credit hour threshold.

The following courses and credit hours shall be excluded: remedial courses; transfer credits from another college or university that do not meet degree requirements for general education courses or the student's chosen program of study; advanced placement or international baccalaureate credits that were obtained while in high school or another secondary school program; and dual enrollment, college-level credits obtained by the student prior to receiving a high school diploma.

To refer to Section 23-7.4:F of the Code of Virginia, please use the following link: <u>http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+23-7.4</u>

Filing Appeals:

Students may file an appeal of the credit hour surcharge based on one or more of the following reasons:

- Medical documentation of illness
- Medical documentation of a disability
- Documentation of active services in the armed services military

Documentation and letter of appeal may be forwarded to:

Office of the Registrar

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