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While most students complete degree requirements in four years, a student's academic plan occasionally requires additional quarters of enrollment to complete requirements or meet special educational needs. You should meet with your college academic adviser as soon as you suspect you may need additional quarters of enrollment. You must complete your educational plan and degree requirements within 15 quarters (9 quarters for junior transfer students). Advance placement credit will not reduce the number of quarters that you are allowed.

Students who initially entered UCSC as frosh and who need more time to complete requirements are allowed a maximum of 225 credits and 15 quarters (five academic years) of enrollment. Students who began at UCSC as junior transfer students are allowed a maximum of 135 UCSC credits and nine quarters (three academic years). Quarters of enrollment eligibility may be increased if students participate in the part-time program, or decreased if students transfer credits from another institution. If you have question about your enrollment eligibility, please contact your college academic advising office.

How to Request an Extra Quarter at UCSC

If you would like to enroll beyond 13 quarters, your college academic adviser will need to adjust your expected graduation term. If you find that you need to extend beyond 180 credits and 13 quarters, contact your college. You may be asked to develop an educational plan in consultation with your faculty and department advisers.

Part-time students and transfer students are granted the equivalent of 13 full-time quarters to complete degree requirements and may extend their enrollment for up to 15 quarters (nine quarters for junior transfer students). For part-time students, each 15 credit hours attempted constitutes one full-time quarter. Similarly, each 15 credit hours of accepted transfer work constitutes the equivalent of one full-time quarter (regardless of how long it took to earn those credits) and counts toward the allowed quarters of enrollment.

A Note for Financial Aid Recipients

Financial aid allows a maximum number of 15 quarters of full-time enrollment (or the equivalent for students with transfer courses). Units earned in UC Santa Cruz Summer Session are counted with other transfer units. The college must approve enrollment beyond 13 quarters. Students are not eligible to receive aid beyond the 15th or equivalent quarter. Financial aid recipients will receive written notification of the final quarter of eligibility beginning three quarters before their final quarter of aid eligibility.