

Academic Credit Policies before and after 2018

ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

	Old Policy <i>In effect until June 2018</i>	Matriculated before 2018 <i>a.k.a. "Straddle Classes"</i>	Matriculating Fall 2018 and after <i>Class of 2022 and after</i>
Academic Residency Requirement	8 semesters of full-time study. No more than 2 semesters full-time study at other approved institutions or on approved abroad programs. Full-time residence at Tufts for final two semesters. At least 10 full-time semesters for combined bachelor's degrees.		
Course Load	All undergraduates (except REAL students) are expected to carry a full course load (four to five courses each semester), except in cases of serious, documented health conditions. Permission for part-time study may be granted to those in REAL Program and those who have completed eight semesters of full-time study. BFA students matriculated prior to 2016 may also petition for part-time study.	All undergraduates (except REAL students) are expected to carry a full course load, unless granted a Reduced Course Load by SAS for a serious, documented health condition. The minimum full-time load is 12 SHUs; students will need to complete an average of 15 SHUs per semester to graduate on time. Permission for part-time study may be granted to those in REAL Program and those who have completed eight semesters of full-time study. BFA students matriculated prior to 2016 may also petition for part-time study.	
Full-time	3 credits per semester	12 SHUs or more per semester	
Part-time	1 to 2.5 credits per semester	11 SHUs or less per semester	
Early Graduation	5 pre-matriculation credits and/or Tufts summer credits = one semester of residence; 9 such credits = two semesters of residence.	5 credit-bearing Tufts Summer courses / pre-matriculation credits adding up to at least 15 SHUs = 1 full-time semester. 9 credit-bearing Tufts Summer courses / pre-matriculation credits adding up to at least 27 SHUs = 2 full-time semesters.	5 (credit-bearing) Tufts Summer courses / pre-matriculation credits adding up to at least 17 SHUs = 1 semester of residence. 9 credit-bearing Tufts Summer courses / pre-matriculation credits adding up to at least 32 SHUs = 2 semesters of residence.
Transfer Students	Minimum of four full-time semesters at Tufts (or on a Tufts Program Abroad). Must complete at least half the credits toward their degree at Tufts or on a Tufts study abroad program (17 for liberal arts, 19 for engineering).	Minimum of four full-time semesters and complete at least 60 SHUs of the required 120 SHUs toward their degree at Tufts (or on a Tufts Program Abroad). Pre-matriculation credits from standardized exams (such as AP credits) are not considered credits earned at Tufts.	

Transfer Credit	Students who plan to complete a full-time semester elsewhere must complete the equivalent of three or more Tufts credits to have it qualify as a full-time semester. A course taken at a school using the quarter system will transfer as 0.5 Tufts credit, but in some cases may still be used toward fulfillment of a foundation or distribution requirement.	Students who plan to complete a full-time semester elsewhere must complete the equivalent of 12 SHUs to have it qualify as a full-time semester. Credits transferred prior to June 2018 will convert from 1 Tufts credit to 4 SHUs. Credits transferred in Summer 2018 and later will be in SHUs. Quarter system: 3 quarter-hour course = 2 SHUs; 4 quarter-hour course = 3 SHUs. Students can transfer in a maximum of 17 courses totaling 68 SHUs.	Students who plan to complete a full-time semester elsewhere must complete the equivalent of 12 SHUs to have it qualify as a full-time semester. Quarter system: 2 quarter-hour course = 1 SHU; 3 quarter-hour course = 2 SHUs; 4 quarter-hour course = 3 SHUs; 5 quarter-hour course = 4 SHUs; 6 quarter-hour course = 5 SHUs. Students can transfer in a maximum of 60 SHUs.
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Reduced Course Load (Disability Related)	Students with disabilities approved for reduced course load by Student Accessibility Services may enroll in fewer than 3.0 credits in a given semester (for undergraduates) and will be billed on a part-time basis, according to the number of credits attempted that semester. Undergraduates enrolling in more than 3.5 SHUs in any semester will be considered full time and billed as such.	Students with disabilities approved for reduced course load by Student Accessibility Services may enroll in 11 SHUs or less in a given semester (for undergraduates) and will be billed on a part-time basis, according to the number of credits attempted that semester. Undergraduates enrolling in 12 SHUs or more in any semester will be considered full time and billed as such.	
Repeated Courses	First attempt grade F: repeat for passing grade and credit; credit value for both F and passing grade calculated into GPA. First attempt grade D+, D-, or D: credit value of original course removed but full impact of grades of both original and repeated courses calculated into GPA. First attempt grade C- or above: record of repeat course and grade on transcript but only original grade and credit calculated into GPA. Some courses in art, dance, and creative writing may be repeated for credit.	Same as before, but: If a student repeats a course in an effort to earn a higher grade on the second try, and if the course credit value has changed in the intervening years, the Registrar will balance out past and current credit values to be equal for both courses, regardless of when taken, by choosing the higher credit value, so as not to delete any credits earned toward the degree.	First attempt grade F: repeat for passing grade and credit; credit value for both F and passing grade calculated into GPA. First attempt grade D+, D-, or D: credit value of original course removed but full impact of grades of both original and repeated courses calculated into GPA. First attempt grade C- or above: record of repeat course and grade on transcript but only original grade and credit calculated into GPA. Some courses in art, dance, and creative writing may be repeated for credit.
Tufts Summer Session Enrollment Limits	Students may enroll in no more than 2 courses per each 6-week Summer Session, with a max of 4 courses for the entire Summer Session. Must petition for overload.	Students may enroll in no more than 9 SHUs for concurrently enrolled Summer Session courses, with a max of 17 SHUs for the entire Summer Session.	
Summer Transfer Credits	Students may transfer no more than 3 credits per summer courses taken elsewhere, for a max of 5 such credits over their Tufts degree.	Students may transfer no more than 12 SHUs per summer courses taken elsewhere, for a max of 20 such SHUs over their Tufts degree.	

ALL ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Engineering Undergrads	Old Policy	Matriculated before 2018 <i>a.k.a. "Straddle Classes"</i>	Matriculating Fall 2018 and after <i>Class of 2022 and after</i>
Credits for degree	38 credits (or 36 credits for BS No major)	30 SHUs of math/natural sciences, 45 SHUs of engineering, 18 SHUs of HASS are required for all ABET degrees, in addition to the minimum 120 SHU requirement.	Minimum of 120 SHUs. 30 SHUs of math/natural sciences, 45 SHUs of engineering, 18 SHUs of HASS are required for all ABET degrees in addition to the minimum 120 SHU requirement.
Introductory Course Requirement	10 credits	10 courses (see degree sheet)	
Foundation Requirement	8 credits	8 courses (see degree sheet)	
Concentration Requirement	12 credits	12 courses (see degree sheet)	
HASS Requirement	Six credits in humanities, arts, social sciences; minimum of 1 credit each in humanities and social sciences; at least 2 credits from same department.	18 SHUs in HASS; minimum of one course each in humanities and social sciences; at least two courses from same department. (See degree sheet.)	
Free Elective Requirement	One or two free elective courses to complete the degree, depending on major.	1 or 2 courses (see degree sheet)	
Pre-Matriculation Credits	Limited to 8 pre-matriculation credits toward degree.	For students matriculated prior to Fall 2018, each 1.0 pre-matriculation credit will be converted to 4 SHUs. These credits will count toward the minimum of 120 SHUs. As in the past, no more than eight credit-bearing pre-matriculation course equivalencies will be applied toward the Engineering degree program (adding up to at most 32 SHUs).	Students are limited to 27 SHUs of pre-matriculation credits toward their degree.
Course Overload	Engineering students may register for a maximum of 6.5 credits each semester. Petition dean to add an additional credit.	Engineering students may register for a maximum of 20 SHUs each semester. Petition dean to add an additional course.	
Double Majors	No more than half the courses used to fulfill the requirements for one concentration may be used to satisfy the requirements for a second or subsequent one.	No more than half the courses used to fulfill the requirements for one concentration may be used to satisfy the requirements for a second or subsequent one.	No more than half the semester hours used to fulfill the requirements for one concentration may be used to satisfy the requirements for a second or subsequent one.
Minors	No more than two courses used to fulfill a foundation or concentration requirement may be used toward fulfillment of the minor.		

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Pass-Fail Option	A maximum of 8 pass-fail credits may be counted toward total credits for graduation; no introductory, foundation, or departmental concentration course may be taken pass-fail. Normally, no more than one course per semester may be taken pass-fail.	A maximum of 8 pass-fail courses may be counted toward total credits for graduation; no introductory, foundation, or departmental concentration course may be taken pass-fail. Normally, no more than one course per semester may be taken pass-fail.	
Dean's List	Enrolled in at least 4 credits, received letter grades in at least 3 credits, no incompletes, and semester GPA of at least 3.2.	Enrolled in at least 13 SHUs, received letter grades in at least 9 credits, no incompletes, and semester GPA of at least 3.2.	
Academic Standing	A student will be considered for academic probation at the end of any semester in which a student earned 1.0 credit or fewer and/or a semester GPA lower than 1.67. Academic alert sent to advisor for students failing to make satisfactory progress as defined by number of credits earned at end of each semester, as follows: first-year fall 3 cr.; first-year spring 7 cr.; sophomore fall 12 cr.; sophomore spring 17 cr.; junior fall 22 cr.; junior spring 27 cr.; senior fall 32 (or 31 for ENP or BS-NoMa); senior spring 38 (or 36 for ENP or BS-NoMa).	A student will be sent an academic alert at the end of any semester in which a student earned fewer than 12 SHUs but more than 4 SHUs, and/or failed one course of any semester hour value. A student will be placed on academic probation at the end of any semester in which the student earned 4 or fewer SHUs and/or had a semester GPA lower than 2.0 and/or failed to make satisfactory progress as defined by the number of semester hours. To be removed from academic probation, the student must complete a minimum of 12 SHUs and earn a minimum GPA of 2.0. Satisfactory Progress: First-year Fall: 12 SHUs; First-year Spring: 24 SHUs; Sophomore Fall: 39 SHUs; Sophomore Spring: 54 SHUs; Junior Fall: 70 SHUs; Junior Spring: 86 SHUs; Senior Fall: 102 SHUs; Senior Spring: 120 SHUs.	
Quality Requirement	For graduation, grades of C- or better are required in 67% of the courses submitted for the degree. Grades of C- or better will be earned in at least 75% of the courses taken in the concentration.	For graduation, grades of C- or better are required in 67% of the courses submitted for the degree. Grades of C- or better will be earned in at least 75% of the courses taken in the concentration.	For graduation, grades of C- or better are required in 67% of the semester hours submitted for the degree. Grades of C- or better will be earned in at least 75% of the semester hours taken in the concentration.
Latin Honors	cum laude = 3.20 or better; magna cum laude = 3.50 or better; summa cum laude = 3.80 or better.		
Combined BS/MS	Combined degree students are expected to fulfill all requirements for the BS degree program; of these two graduate level credits are allowed to count toward the MS degree requirements as long as they carry the designation of the department in which the MS is to be completed.	Combined degree students are expected to fulfill all requirements for the BS degree program; of these two graduate level courses are allowed to count toward the MS degree requirements as long as they carry the designation of the department in which the MS is to be completed.	

ALL LIBERAL ARTS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Liberal Arts BA or BS Degrees	Old Policy	Matriculated before 2018 <i>a.k.a. "Straddle Classes"</i>	Matriculating Fall 2018 and after <i>Class of 2022 and after</i>
Credits for Degree	34 credits	120 SHUs, with credit earned in at least 34 courses (including pre-matric credits)	120 SHUs
Internship Limit	No more than 2 of the 34 credits may consist of fieldwork or internships.	No more than 2 courses in fieldwork or internships, adding up to at most 8 SHUs	
Online Course Limit	No more than 5 of the 34 credits may consist of Tufts online courses	No more than 5 Tufts online courses may be counted toward the degree.	No more than 15 SHUs may consist of Tufts online courses
Quality Requirement	Cumulative GPA of 1.67 or better is required for graduation. Three-fourths of all courses taken at Tufts with standard grading must be completed with a grade of C- or better.	Cumulative GPA of 1.67 or better is required for graduation. Three-fourths of all courses taken at Tufts with standard grading must be completed with a grade of C- or better.	Cumulative GPA of 1.67 or better is required for graduation. Three-fourths of all SHUs taken at Tufts with standard grading must be completed with a grade of C- or better.
Writing Requirement	English 1 and 2, or equivalent		
Language, Part I	Proficiency in a foreign language through third semester of college level		
Language, Part II	Option 1: Continue study of same language through third-year level. Option 2: Complete courses in another language through the third semester college level.		
Language, Part II: Culture Option	Complete 3 credits dealing with a single culture or designated cultural area. At least one of the three culture credits must focus on the region of origin. Foreign language courses beyond the third-semester college level may be counted as part of the culture option. For example, a student who has completed four semesters of foreign language study may choose to complete the foundation requirement by taking two culture credits in the same culture area as that of the language studied.	Complete at least 3 courses dealing with a single culture or designated cultural area, with each of those courses assigned at least 3 SHUs.* At least one of the three culture courses (adding up to at least 3 SHUs) must focus on the region of origin. Foreign language courses beyond the third-semester college level may be counted as part of the culture option. For example, a student who has completed four semesters of foreign language study may choose to complete the foundation requirement by taking two culture courses in the same culture area as that of the language studied, with each of those courses assigned at least 3 SHUs.* (*Courses assigned 2 SHUs or less may be taken toward the culture option, but at least two of them must be taken to add up to at least 3 SHUs to be considered equivalent to one of the 3 SHU courses required for the culture option.).	Complete 3 courses (at least 9 SHUs) dealing with a single culture or designated cultural area. At least one of the three culture courses (adding up to at least 3 SHUs) must focus on the region of origin. Foreign language courses beyond the third-semester college level may be counted as part of the culture option. For example, a student who has completed four semesters of foreign language study may choose to complete the foundation requirement by taking two culture courses (at least 6 SHUs) in the same culture area as that of the language studied.
World Civ	1 course	At least 3 SHUs, normally a single course	

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Distribution	<p>Complete the equivalent of two course credits in each area. No more than two of the ten credits may be from the same department or program. Students may use only one approved pre-matriculation credit toward fulfillment of each distribution area, for a total of five . No single course may be used in more than one distribution area. Only one Ex-College credit may be used as a distribution requirement. Courses graded pass-fail may not be used to satisfy any distribution requirement.</p>	<p>Complete the equivalent of 2 courses totaling at least 6 SHUs in each area. No more than two courses may be from the same department or program. (<i>Exception: For the Arts Distribution Requirement, students may take more than two courses from the same department if those courses are 2 SHUs or less.</i>). At least 3 SHUs in each area must come from credits earned after matriculation (or from transfer credits). No single course may be used in more than one distribution area. Only one Ex-College course (no matter how many SHUs) may be used as a distribution requirement. Courses graded pass-fail may not be used to satisfy any distribution requirement.</p>	<p>Complete the equivalent of 2 courses totaling at least 6 SHUs in each area. No more than 3 courses, of any number of SHUs , may be from the same department or program. At least 3 SHUs in each area must come from credits earned after matriculation (or from transfer credits). No single course may be used in more than one distribution area. Only one Ex-College course (no matter how many SHUs) may be used as a distribution requirement. Courses graded pass-fail may not be used to satisfy any distribution requirement.</p>
Pass-Fail Option	<p>In a 34 course credit program, students are normally required to take at least 26 course credits under standard grading; the pass-fail option may be applied to any courses in excess of 26, with exceptions stated in Bulletin. Transfer students and those who transfer credit to Tufts from other institutions must complete three-fourths of their work at Tufts under standard grading subject to the quality requirement.</p>	<p>In a program of 120 semester hours, students are required to take at least 90 SHUs under standard grading; the pass-fail option may be applied to any courses in excess of 90 SHUs , with exceptions stated in Bulletin. Transfer students and those who transfer credit to Tufts from other institutions must complete three-fourths of the SHUs they take at Tufts under standard grading subject to the quality requirement.</p>	<p>In a program of 120 semester hours, students are required to take at least 90 SHUs under standard grading; the pass-fail option may be applied to any courses in excess of 90 SHUs , with exceptions stated in Bulletin. Transfer students and those who transfer credit to Tufts from other institutions must complete three-fourths of the SHUs they take at Tufts under standard grading subject to the quality requirement.</p>

Major	<p>A major is a coherent group of at least 10 courses defined by a department or program. For students with more than one major, no more than half the credits used to fulfill the requirements for one major may be used to satisfy the requirements for any other major. For courses taught in a foreign language beyond the third-year level, up to 80 percent of the semester hours used to fulfill the requirements from one major may also be used to satisfy the requirements for another major. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major consists of an integrated program of at least 10 credits, including a two-semester thesis or honors thesis. Two credits used to fulfill another major may be used toward the IS major.</p>	<p>A major is a coherent group of at least 10 courses, amounting to at least 30 SHUs, defined by a department or program. For students with more than one major, no more than half the courses used to fulfill the requirements for one major may be used to fulfill the requirements for any other major. For courses taught in a foreign language beyond the third-year level, up to 80 percent of the semester hours used to fulfill the requirements from one major may also be used to satisfy the requirements for another major. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major consists of an integrated program of at least 10 courses, adding up to at least 30 SHUs. The program requires a two-semester thesis or honors thesis. No more than two courses used to fulfill another major may be used toward the IS major.</p>	<p>A major is a coherent group of at least 10 courses, amounting to at least 30 SHUs, defined by a department or program. For students with more than one major, no more than 5 courses, and no more than 15 SHUs, used to fulfill the requirements for one major may be used to fulfill the requirements for any other major. For courses taught in a foreign language beyond the third-year level, up to 80 percent of the semester hours used to fulfill the requirements from one major may also be used to satisfy the requirements for another major. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major consists of an integrated program of at least 10 courses, adding up to at least 30 SHUs. The program requires a two-semester thesis or honors thesis. No more than two courses used to fulfill another major may be used toward the IS major.</p>
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Minor	A minor is a coherent group of 4 to 6 course credits. Two course credits used toward the minor may be used toward a foundation, distribution, or concentration requirement. Students may not complete a major and a minor, or two majors, or two minors, from the same department or program unless explicitly permitted by the department or program. A student may have any number of majors or minors. All courses used to fulfill a minor must be taken for a letter grade.	A minor is a coherent group of 4 or more courses, carrying 15 or more SHUs . No more than two courses , regardless of SHUs, used toward the minor may be used toward a foundation, distribution, or concentration requirement. Students may not complete a major and a minor, or two majors, or two minors, from the same department or program unless explicitly permitted by the department or program. A student may have any number of majors or minors. All courses used to fulfill a minor must be taken for a letter grade.	
Pre-Matriculation Credits	Liberal Arts students are limited to 5 pre-matriculation credits toward their degree.	For students matriculated prior to Fall 2018, each 1.0 pre-matriculation credit will be converted to 4 SHUs. These credits will count toward the minimum of 120 SHUs. As in the past, no more than five credit-bearing pre-matriculation course equivalencies will be applied toward the Liberal Arts BA or BS degree program (adding up to at most 20 SHUs).	Pre-matriculation credit will reflect the SHUs of the specific Tufts course equivalency. Liberal Arts students may apply toward their degree pre-matriculation credit equivalent to at most 5 courses , regardless of the number of semester hours.
Course Overload	Liberal Arts students are limited to registering for 5.5 credits. To receive permission for a course overload, students must petition their advising dean.	Liberal Arts students are limited to registering for 18 SHUs. To receive permission for a course overload, students must petition their Advising Dean.	

Academic Standing	A student will be sent an academic alert at the end of any semester in which a student earned fewer than 3 credits but more than 1 credit, and/or had GPA lower than 2.0 but better than 1.66. A student will be placed on academic probation at the end of any semester in which the student earned 1 credit or fewer and/or had GPA lower than 1.67. To be removed from academic probation, the student must complete a minimum of 3 credits and earn a term GPA of 2.0 or better, with cumulative GPA of 1.67 or better the following semester. Satisfactory Progress: First-year Fall: 3 cr.; First-year Spring: 6 cr.; Sophomore Fall: 10 cr.; Sophomore Spring: 14 cr.; Junior Fall 19 cr.; Junior Spring 23 cr.; Senior Fall 27 cr.; Senior Spring 34 cr.	A student will be sent an academic alert at the end of any semester in which a student earned fewer than 12 SHUs but more than 4 SHUs, and/or failed one course of any semester hour value. A student will be placed on academic probation at the end of any semester in which the student earned 4 or fewer SHUs and/or had a semester GPA lower than 2.0 and/or failed to make satisfactory progress as defined by the number of semester hours. To be removed from academic probation, the student must complete a minimum of 12 SHUs and earn a minimum GPA of 2.0. Satisfactory Progress: First-year Fall: 12 SHUs; First-year Spring: 24 SHUs; Sophomore Fall: 39 SHUs; Sophomore Spring: 54 SHUs; Junior Fall: 70 SHUs; Junior Spring: 86 SHUs; Senior Fall: 102 SHUs; Senior Spring: 120 SHUs.
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Latin Honors	Cum Laude: Cum. GPA 3.50 or higher and at least 5 credits of A or A- in major. Magna cum laude: GPA 3.65 or higher and at least 6 credits of A or A- in major; vote by dept. Summa cum laude: GPA of 3.8 or higher, 6 credits of A or A- in major; vote of dept and AS faculty vote.	Cum Laude: Cum. GPA 3.50 or higher and at least 5 grades of A or A- , adding up to at least 15 SHUs, in major . Magna cum laude: GPA 3.65 or higher and at least 6 grades of A or A- , adding up to at least 18 SHUs, in major ; vote by dept. Summa cum laude: GPA of 3.8 or higher, 6 grades of A or A- , adding up to at least 18 SHUs, in major ; vote of dept and AS faculty vote.	
Dean's List	Enrolled in at least 4 credits, received letter grades in at least 3 credits, no incompletes, and semester GPA of at least 3.4. Tufts-NEC: total course load of 4 credits or more and meet Dean's List GPA at both institutions. BA/BFA: total course load of 4 credits or more and GPA of 3.4.	Enrolled in at least 12 SHUs, received letter grades in at least 12 SHUs, no incompletes, and semester GPA of at least 3.4. Tufts-NEC: total course load of 12 semester hours or more and meet Dean's List GPA at both institutions. BA/BFA: total course load of 12 SHUs or more and GPA of 3.4. There will be no retroactive changes to Dean's List (to remove or add designation for prior semesters, even if course credit changes.)	