



Student Assembly

1 **Resolution 52: Expanding College Credit Limits**

2 **Abstract:** This resolution recommends that colleges respect students' decision-making autonomy
3 by keeping semesterly credit limits at or above 22 credits. The recommendation also permits an
4 exception for first-year students.

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7 **Reviewed by:** Academic Policy Committee, 02/21/2026

8 **Type of Action:** Recommendation

9 **Originally Presented:** 02/26/26

10 **Current Status:** Adopted by the Assembly, Unanimous Consent, 03/12/2026

11 **Whereas,** the ILR School limits students to taking 18 credits per semester,

12 **Whereas,** the Brooks School of Public Policy limits students to taking 18 credits per semester,

13 **Whereas,** the College of Engineering limits students to 20 credits per semester,

14 **Whereas,** The Nolan School of Hotel Administration limits students to taking 18 credits per
15 semester with a petitioning system to be granted additional credits.

16 **Whereas,** The School of Human Ecology limits students to taking 18 credits per semester with a
17 petitioning system to be granted additional credits.

18 **Whereas,** these limits prevent students from taking classes they are interested in, need to
19 graduate, or hope to complete for career purposes,

20 **Whereas,** students beyond their first year have acclimated to Cornell studies to the degree that
21 they can determine their ability to handle a heavier workload,

22 **Whereas,** the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences have
23 already successfully implemented 22 credit limits,

24 **Whereas,** the Dyson School and AAP have no publicly available limit on how many credits a
25 student may take in a semester beyond their first year. If such a limit exists, it is not easily
26 available to the general public,

27 **Be it therefore resolved,** no college shall maintain a semesterly credit limit for undergraduate
28 students below 22 credits, excepting requirements for students in their first year at Cornell,



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- 29 **Be it therefore resolved,** no college shall maintain a summer session credit limit for
30 undergraduate below that of credit requirements for financial aid,
- 31 **Be it finally resolved,** such a change shall be implemented by all colleges by the start of the
32 2026-2027 academic year.
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