COST SAVINGS FOR STUDENTS

BACHELOR’S DEGREE
Cost of a degree @ 12 credit hours/semester: $44,872.40
Cost of a degree @ 15 credit hours/semester: -$42,744.00
$2,128.40

TIME SAVINGS FOR STUDENTS
Students taking 15 credits a semester finish a full year ahead of those who only take 12 credits two semesters or roughly a full year earlier.

How to Graduate on Time

- Make a commitment to completing college. Earning 15 credits a semester may not be easy, but it is the surest path to college completion. When you take 15 credits a semester, you are more likely to finish college and to finish on time and you can get ahead in your career.
- Fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which is used by most institutions to determine eligibility for grants (do not have to be paid back) and loans. With financial assistance, you can concentrate on your studies, work fewer hours, and complete your degree faster.
- Make college your priority. If possible, cut back on work time so you can earn 15 credits a semester and finish faster. The payoff in your salary as a college graduate will be worth it.
- Make sure you are taking the courses you need to graduate. Meet with your advisor to map out your on-time degree plan.
- Take ENGL 1101 and your Area A2 math your first semester and ENGL 1102 your second semester. Students who take 15 credits per semester AND complete their English and math courses early are more likely to graduate on time.
- Ask for help if you are struggling in a course, or if you get off track in terms of your degree completion plan. You can ask for help from academic advisors, professors, teaching assistants, tutoring centers, and even fellow students.

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