

15 Gets You There

During the new student orientation advising experience, students are recommended to take on average 15 credits per term to stay on track to graduate in a timely manner. Recent data provided by Western’s Institutional Research Office indicates that freshmen who take on average 15 or more credit hours in their first year are almost always more likely to have a higher GPA, more likely to be retained and are more likely to graduate within four years.



Key Findings by Institutional Research:

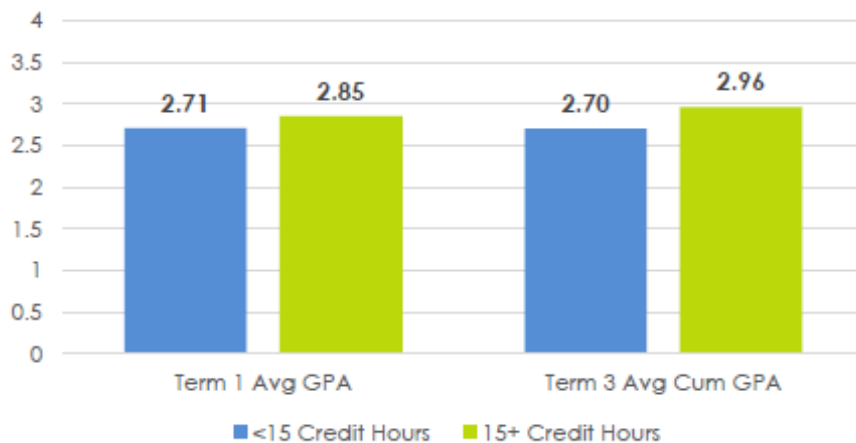
Students who averaged more than 15 credits per term in their first year:

- Had higher term GPAs over their first year
- Were more likely to graduate in four years

Action:

- Campus wide campaign on ‘15 Gets You There’ to encourage students to take on average 15 credits per term
- Continue to emphasize credits per term at orientation advising

Average GPA by Term and Credit Load



Outcomes for All Students by Average Credit Load Academic Year 1

