

**Proposal to Update Credits that Define Class Standing at UH
(as of 1.16.14)**

Class standing (sometimes referred to as “class level” or “classification”) is a traditional designation used to define a student’s progress toward their graduation goal. Undergraduate students are classified according to the number of credits earned (institutional and transfer credits). Class standing is used for university functions such as registration, prerequisites, housing/parking priority, federal financial aid award limits, etc. While 12 credits is considered full-time, associates or bachelor’s degrees require at least 60 or 120 credits, respectively; therefore, an average of 15 credits per semester or 30 credits per year is needed in order to complete degree requirements on-time (two or four years). The proposal to update the number of credits that define the class standing levels will provide students with a more accurate indicator of the progress they are making toward their degree.

Class Standing	Current	Proposed
Freshman	0-24 credits	0-29.99 credits
Sophomore	25-54 credits	30-59.99 credits
Junior	55-88 credits	60-89.99 credits
Senior	89 credits or more	90 credits or more

NOTE: This proposal does not impact the definition of full-time (12 credits per semester), nor does it propose to change the full-time definition.

The Vice Chancellors for Academic and Student Affairs across all 10 campuses met on December 11, 2013 and support the intent of this proposal. A systemwide consultation team will outline the likely impacts and solutions, possible timeline, etc.

The consultation team will be co-convened by Jan Javinar and Susan Nishida, and will consist of members recommended from the Vice Chancellors and student representation recommended by the Student Caucus.