

UNC-CHAPEL HILL
SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND JOURNALISM
SENIOR UNDERLOAD POLICY

Dear Senior,

If you have completed a [School of Media and Journalism Degree Application](#) and received word from a Journalism advisor that you need fewer than 12 hours to meet all requirements for that semester's graduation, you may be eligible to carry a senior underload.

J-school students DO NOT need to complete a separate application for underloading. You must be enrolled in all remaining degree requirements and intend to graduate at the end of the current semester.

Please read the following carefully before deciding on carrying a Senior Underload.

As a full-time undergraduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, you are required to carry at least twelve (12) academic credit hours every semester. However, in the School of Media and Journalism during your final semester you are permitted to carry a course load of fewer than twelve (12) credit hours if those credits will satisfy ALL remaining graduation requirements. For reporting purposes, you will be considered a part-time student.

Carrying an academic underload gives you the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as undergraduates carrying twelve (12) or more credit hours. You pay regular student fees (with tuition based on the number of enrolled credit hours) and are permitted to reside in on-campus housing, utilize campus support services, and have access to athletic events.

It is your responsibility to check with your insurance provider and/or with [THE OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIP & STUDENT AID](#) to verify whether enrolling in fewer than twelve (12) hours will affect your coverage, scholarship, or loan.

If you have questions or need additional information about academic underloads, please contact the Journalism Student Records and Registration Office (Carroll Hall) or the Registrar's Office (919-962-0948).