

* Excess Credit Fee Workshop

An ASCSN Student Government Funded Event

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- * Encourage students to seek sound academic advisement and stick to their academic plan
- * Encourage students to graduate in a timely manner
- * Provide consistency with Federal Student Aid regulations (SAPP)
- * Promote responsible completion of academic goals. NSHE is subsidized by State tax dollars.
- * Other states have ECF: AZ, UT, NC, VA

*** Why is there an ECF?**

This fee was adopted by the Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and applies to all NSHE colleges and universities.

The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) has implemented the Excess Credit Fee beginning with the Fall 2014 semester.

 **Excess Credit Fee**

- *The Excess Credit Fee is applied to a student account when that student's attempted credits equal or exceed 150% of the credits required for the certificate or degree.
- *Example: a student who is seeking a **30-credit Certificate of Achievement** may take up to 45 credits before triggering the Excess Credit Fee. If the student attempts over 45 credits, exceeding 150% of the requirements for that 30-credit Certificate, the student will be charged the Excess Credit Fee.
- *Example: a student who is pursuing a **60-credit Associates degree** will not be charged the Excess Credit Fee until that student has attempted over 90 credits.

Attempted Credits include:

- * Earned course grades, including “F”
 - * Grade status of “W” or “I”
 - * Audited courses
 - * All credits taken from any NSHE institution
 - * All transfer credits earned at other institutions
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- * Credits do not expire
 - * Changing majors or declaring multiple majors will not exclude those credits from the ECF calculation

*** What is an *Attempted Credit*.**

The Excess Credit Fee is an additional 50% charge on the per-credit registration fee.

This additional charge will be in effect for the current and subsequent semesters during which the student's attempted credits are in excess of 150% of the requirements for the chosen degree or certificate.

 **The Fee**

***Yes,** if your situation qualifies under specific criteria.

***Can I Appeal?**

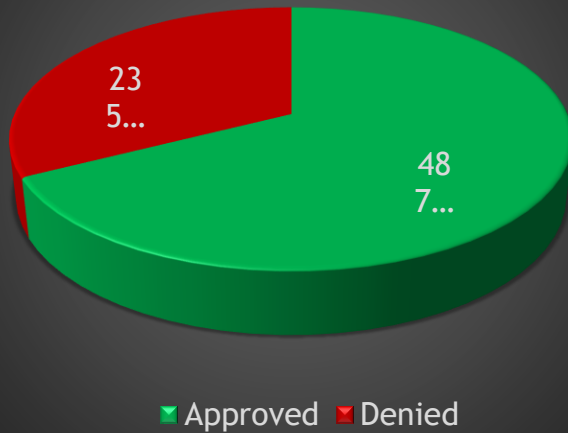
- * Credits were earned through examinations.
 - * Examples are College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), or Challenge Exam
- * Credits were attempted while enrolled as a high school student AND those credits do not meet the degree requirements for the student's declared major.
- * Credits were attempted at a college or university outside NSHE AND those credits do not meet the requirements for the student's declared major at CSN.
- * Credits were attempted for remedial or developmental courses.
- * Credits were earned as part of a previously earned certificate or degree.

* **Criteria for Appeal**

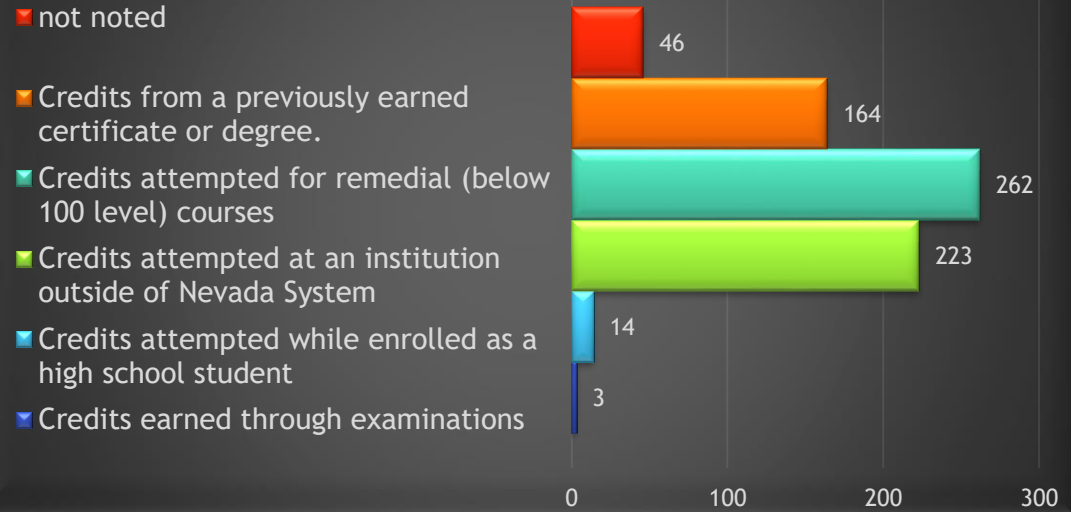
- * Complete the Excess Credit Fee Appeals form.
 - * Available at: www.csn.edu/registrarforms and click on “Excess Credit Fee Information” or just click [here](#)
- * Ensure that all required and relevant documentation is attached. Incomplete appeals will be denied by the Excess Credit Fee Appeals Committee.
- * Submit completed and signed Appeal packet to the Office of the Registrar

*** How do I file an Appeal?**

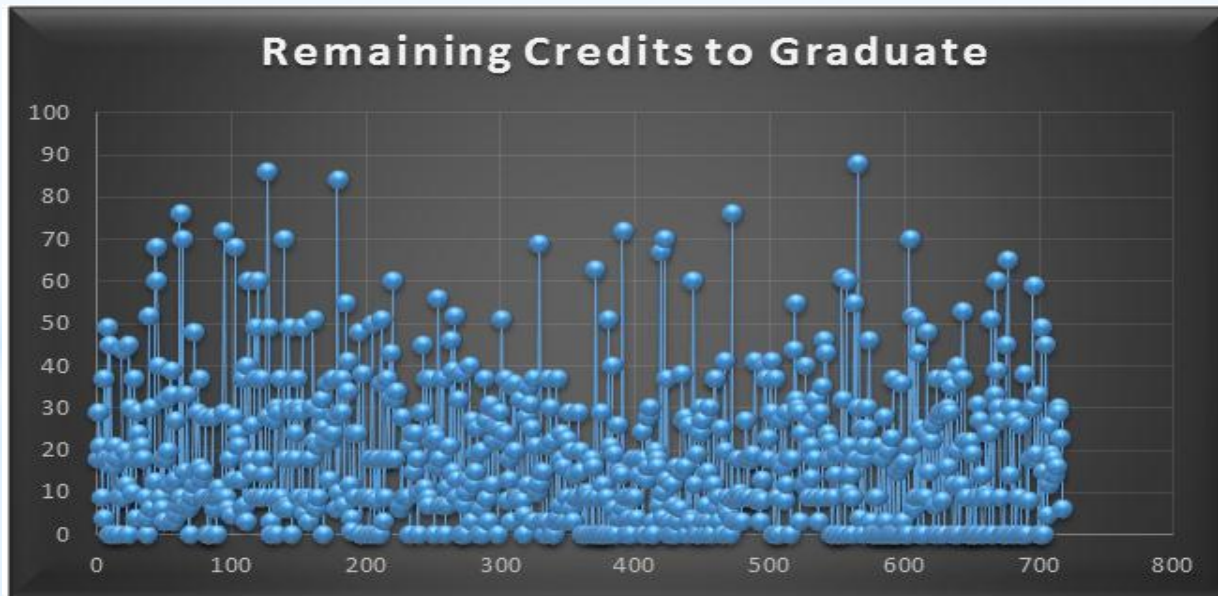
Fall 2014 ECF Appeals Decisions



Basis for ECF Appeal (f)



Remaining Credits to Graduate



* FALL 2014 ECF Appeals Statistics

- * Complete a degree as soon as possible
- * Meet with your Counselor or Advisor at least once per semester, we recommend mid-semester
- * *Complete a degree as soon as possible*
- * Follow your degree sheet
- * Complete a degree as soon as possible
- * Be cautious with non-degree classes
- * **Complete a degree as soon as possible**
- * Remember that F's, W's, I's & audits count toward ECF
- * **Complete a degree as soon as possible**
- * Consult your Advisor or Counselor about changing your major or pursuing a double major
- * **Complete a degree as soon as possible**

*** How can I avoid the ECF?**

- * ECF calculated each semester
- * Fee remains as long as attempted credits exceed 150%
- * Complete a degree
- * Transfer to 4-year NSHE institution
 - * Option to Reverse Transfer to CSN
- * Transfer to school outside of NSHE
 - * Option to Reverse Transfer to CSN

*** Does it ever go away?**

Board of Regents Policy

Title IV, Chapter 17, Section 4. Excess Credit Fee (Effective Fall 2014)

1. A 50 percent Excess Credit Fee on the per-credit registration fee shall be charged to a student who has accrued attempted credits equal to 150 percent of the credits required for the student's program of study. The Excess Credit Fee shall be imposed on registration fees charged in the current semester and in subsequent semesters, including summer terms, where a student's cumulative credit hour total exceeds 150 percent of the credits required for the student's program of study.

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2. Credits from a previously earned degrees or certificates shall be excluded from the 150 percent credit calculation.
3. Institutions shall establish an appeals process and may exclude from the 150 percent calculation the following:
 - a. Credits earned through examinations for determining credit for prior learning as authorized in Title 4, Chapter 14;
 - b. Credits attempted while enrolled as a high school student if those credits do not meet the degree requirements for the student's program of study;
 - c. Credits attempted at an institution outside NSHE if those credits do not meet the degree requirements for the student's program of study;
 - d. Credits attempted for remedial courses;
 - e. Dissertation credits; and
 - f. Other credits determined by the institution as inappropriate for the 150 percent credit calculation.
4. Community service and non-credit bearing continuing education courses are not subject to the provisions of this section. Credits for post-baccalaureate and post-masters certification courses are also not subject to the provisions of this section.
5. The revenue generated from the Excess Credit Fee shall supplement student advising and counseling services, including salary and wages, operating, and equipment expenses.
6. Institutions shall publicize the Excess Credit Fee policy set forth in this section in such a manner to ensure that students have adequate notification of the fee. Institutions shall establish a procedure for notifying students who are approaching the 150 percent credit threshold.

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