

In rigorous comparisons, both CUNY internal research and national studies have found that similar students do no worse academically—and often better—when they take 15 vs. 12 credits.

CUNY bachelor's students who take 15 vs. 12 credits in their first semester...*

- Earn about 2.2 more credits in their first term (13.1 vs. 11.0)
- Have a slightly higher probability of re-enrolling in the next term (96.5% vs. 95.1%)
- Earn about the same GPAs (2.76 vs. 2.77)
- Have a higher probability of graduating in any time frame:

Graduate in	15 credits	12 Credits
4 years	21.8%	16.4%
5 years	50.0%	43.7%
6 years	59.0%	54.1%

*Results of regression analyses comparing CUNY baccalaureate freshmen who take 15 vs. 12 credits in their first term, controlling for demographics and high school academic achievement