Let’s start with the end goal in mind—your degree! Nearly all 4-year degrees require 120 credits to graduate. 2-year degrees require 60 credits. Breaking it down, that means you need to complete 30 credits per year—or 15 credits per semester—to finish your degree on time.

**What’s 15 to Finish?**

**30 credits x 4 years → 120 credits to graduate**

**30 credits x 2 years → 60 credits to graduate**

**Full time vs. On time**

Being considered a full-time student doesn’t necessarily mean you’re on time for graduation. 12 credits per semester is considered full-time status for financial aid and other purposes. But at that pace it takes 5 years to complete a 4-year degree.
It’s a fact. Students who take 15 credits each semester or 30 credits each year have momentum on their side, get better grades, and are more likely to graduate.

By staying on track for graduation, you get a leg up by saving money on your education and can begin launching your career and pursuing your dreams.

Schedule time to meet with your academic advisor and make a plan to ensure you’re enrolling in the courses you need to fulfill your degree requirements.

Be sure to complete 30 credits each year. There are many ways you can do this. If you can’t take 15 credits each semester, consider completing credits in the summer or winter terms to help you stay on track.

Take advantage of campus resources. Utilize additional resources on campus to help you stay on top of your courses and on time for graduation.

Why is 15 to Finish important?

$50,000!

One additional year paying for tuition, fees, books, room and board plus the loss of foregone wages for a full-time job can top $50,000!