College work is measured in terms of the “unit.” In a lecture course, a college unit is normally defined as one hour of lecture and two hours of homework per week. In a laboratory course, three hours in the classroom per week with no outside work constitutes one unit of work.

No CCC student may carry more than 19 units during a semester, 9 units during summer, or 6 units during intersession without the permission of the Director of Admissions and Records/designee. This maximum applies to the combination of all units in which the student enrolls per semester/term in the Coast Community Colleges (Orange Coast, Golden West and Coastline). Petitions to take more than the previously referenced units will only be considered during the first week of the term or session.