Choose 15 Drive

Goal: Increase Average Unit Load

With student success as the guiding principle, the Completion Campaign includes a multi-pronged approach to supporting students towards achieving their dream to graduate. This work, built on collaboration across all divisions, includes a new “Choose 15 Units” drive. The message encourages incoming freshman and transfer students to choose 15 units per semester to be on track for graduation in four years for freshmen and two years for transfers. It’s also aimed at motivating current students to consider increasing their units to graduate sooner if they can do so. Through the Choose 15 drive, CSUF seeks to lead the way in graduating students with less student debt and providing them the opportunity to begin promptly building their careers.

Myths

- Students cannot take a full load because they work.
- Students who take a full load get poor grades.

Facts

- In a September 2018 survey of all enrolled students, approximately 25% of undergraduate students and 50% of freshmen reported not working, giving them the opportunity to take 15 units.
- Student who took 30 units (on average 15 units per semester) in their first year had significantly higher first-year GPA than those who didn’t take 30 units in their first year.
- The 4yr graduation rate nearly doubles for students who take 30 units in their first year, in comparison to those who do not. This trend is the same for underrepresented students.
Why Choose 15 Units?

Financial Aid: Your financial aid full-time package covers up to 18 units; 15 are recommended for a four-year graduation plan. Eligibility to collect your full financial aid package requires a minimum of 12 units during a regular semester (2019 CSUF Student Handbook).

Less time in school = less student loan debt.

Choosing 15 units jumpstarts your career, which leads to:

• Accumulating more retirement benefits.
• The possibility of sooner career advancement.

Students Unable to Take 15 units

• Discuss the possible future opportunities with an advisor.
• Consider summer and winter classes.