The Harvey Mudd catalog states: “In exceptional circumstances, a student with a record of successful academic performance may take more than 18 credit hours in a semester.”

For overloads **between 20 and 21 units**, approval requires that a student provide a detailed written petition to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and all advisors. A GPA of 3.0 in the semester immediately preceding the overload is required, as is evidence of the exceptional circumstances requiring the overload. Please note that the ability to “handle” coursework does not constitute an exceptional circumstance, nor does the desire to pursue a second major.

**Procedure:**
1. Complete the following form
2. Attach a list of your intended courses
3. Obtain the necessary signatures

All completed forms should be turned into the Office of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for final approval.

**All decisions reached regarding overloads are final.**

Name: ___________________________ ID#: ___________________________

Load requested: _________________ GPA in last semester recorded: _______

*(Note that overload permission will be contingent until grades are available for the semester preceding the overload)*

**Reasons for overload request:** Please attach an explanation of 1 to 2 pages that considers, among other factors, what unique circumstances compel you to seek an overload in this particular semester.

Approval of Technical or First-year Advisor ___________________________

Approval of HSA Advisor ___________________________________________

Approval of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs _______________________