

What Does My ESLA Hold Really Mean?

You can see your ESLA hold in [Carleton Central](#) (under ADMINISTRATIVE HOLDS). This ESLA hold will list the ESLA course level you should be taking now and how many other credits (course load) you can register in along with your ESLA course during the term.

You may have further restrictions to the course load you see in your ESLA hold. To find out what your course load really is during the various terms, check below for the chart(s) related to your student status.

- [Undergraduate degree student](#)
- [Special student](#)
- [Graduate student](#)

Once you take an ESLA course, your course load for the next term will depend on your ESLA final grade.

- Getting a B- or higher in your ESLA course will allow you the maximum course load allowed at each ESLA level.
- ESLA holds are updated at the end of the term (after your final grades have been official released). If you are eligible for an increase in your course load, you will be able to add more credits to your next term's registration once you see this updated hold.

Please remember that an ESLA course is 1.0 credit (one term) when registering.

Undergraduate Students' Course Loads

Fall or Winter term

Your course load will be the SAME as the one listed in [Carleton Central](#).

Summer term

Your course load may be lower than the one listed in [Carleton Central](#) during the summer. Check the chart below.

ESLA Hold in Carleton Central	Actual Course Load in Summer for Undergraduate Degree Student DIFFERENT than what you see in Carleton Central
ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1500 + 1.0 credit	
ESLA 1900 + 1.0 credit	ESLA 1900 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1900 + 1.5 credits	ESLA 1900 + 1.0 credit
ESLA 1905 + 1.5 credits	Contact SLALS
ESLA 1905 + 2.0 credits	

Special Students' Course Loads

Fall or Winter term

Normally a Special student is only permitted 1.0 credit per term but as an ESLA Special student you will be permitted 1.5 credits. Check the chart below.

ESLA Hold in Carleton Central	Actual Course Load for Fall or Winter for a Special Student DIFFERENT than what you see in Carleton Central
ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1500 + 1.0 credit	
ESLA 1900 + 1.0 credit	ESLA 1900 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1900 + 1.5 credits	
ESLA 1905 + 1.5 credits	Contact SLaLS
ESLA 1905 + 2.0 credits	

Summer Term

Your course load will be lower due to Special student course load in the summer term. Check the chart below.

ESLA Hold in Carleton Central	Special Student <i>with NO accepted offer of admission to an undergraduate program in the fall</i> Actual Course Load in Summer DIFFERENT than what you see in Carleton Central	Special Student <i>with an accepted offer of admission to an undergraduate program in the fall</i> Actual Course Load in Summer DIFFERENT than what you see in Carleton Central
ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1300 only	ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1500 only	ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1500 + 1.0 credit		
ESLA 1900 + 1.0 credit	ESLA 1900 only	ESLA 1900 + 0.5 credit
ESLA 1900 + 1.5 credits		
ESLA 1905 + 1.5 credits	Contact SLaLS	Contact SLaLS
ESLA 1905 + 2.0 credits		

Graduate Students' Course Loads

Some graduate programs have further course load restrictions for their students.

You may not be able to take as many credits as your ESLA hold in [Carleton Central](#) says.

ESLA Hold in Carleton Central	Actual Course Load for a Graduate student Usually the same as the one shown in Carleton Central *
ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1300 + 0.5 credit*
ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit	ESLA 1500 + 0.5 credit*
ESLA 1900 + 1.0 credit	ESLA 1900 + 1.0 credit*
ESLA 1905 + 1.5 credits	Contact SLaS
ESLA 1905 + 2.0 credits	