Proposed Changes to Section 3.2.4 Roster of Studies

Current language:

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More than 19, SOS

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More than 18, SOS

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Rationale:

- 1) Current practice is to define an overload for students with less than 2.5 GPA as over 18 credits, not 17 credits.
- 2) Applying the same limits to all but the strongest students simplifies the rules; associate deans and SOS may take a student's GPA into account when evaluating appeals.