

## **Credit Hour Policy (Revised)**

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For all CSU degree programs and courses bearing academic credit, the “credit hour” is defined as “the amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

1. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

A credit hour is assumed to be a 50-minute period. In courses in which “seat time” does not apply, a credit hour may be measured by an equivalent amount of work, as demonstrated by student achievement.

CSUN faculty will evaluate the credit hour designations for approved curriculum in regular cycles to coincide with the campus accreditation cycle. No later than one year prior to the submission of the WSUSC reaccreditation documents, each college will be required to provide a certification of all of their approved courses meeting the guidelines above. These certifications will be reviewed by the Educational Policies Committee (000-400 level courses) or the Graduate Studies Committee (500-700 courses) and the record of these certifications will be maintained by Undergraduate Studies on behalf of the University.