

DEFINITION OF A CREDIT HOUR

1. The assignment of credit hours to a course occurs through a formal review process conducted at the appropriate levels of faculty governance.
2. For courses in lecture format, one credit hour represents the subject content that can be delivered in one academic hour of contact time each week for the full duration of one academic semester typically fourteen weeks along with a final examination period. For undergraduate courses, one credit hour also includes associated work that can be completed by a typical student in 2-3 hours of effort outside the classroom. For graduate and professional courses taught in lecture format, 3-4 hours of outside work is expected for each academic hour of contact time.
3. For courses taught in other than lecture format (e.g., seminars, laboratories, independent study,