

# Definition of the Credit Hour

In accordance with Federal regulations, a credit hour is a measurable amount of work representing intended learning outcomes that are verified by evidence of student achievement. A credit hour equates to a 50-minute contact hour of instruction that is A) conducted in person or by digital modes and includes a minimum of 100 minutes of additional student work each week (such as reading or research) for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or B) a proportionally greater amount of work, than required in item A of this definition, for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, cooperative experiences, clinical placements, and/or studio work.



-Approved by the President  
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IMO NOTE: From Kala Perkins-Holtsclaw – Here is the SACSCOC credit hour policy statement which is based on federal regulations: <https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/Credit-Hours.pdf> . Presently, Health Professions uses this SACSCOC definition.

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