

# CREDIT HOURS

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## Semester Credit Hours

The academic year is divided into two semesters from August through December and January through May.

*Courses taught in the standard delivery method:* One semester credit hour is counted for each "hour" of class or lecture time per week during the semester. Most classes will end with ten minutes remaining on the hour to allow time to move to the next class, so each 50 minutes can be counted as a full hour. A 3 semester-credit-hour lecture course, for example, meets at minimum 150 minutes (2.5 hours) per week over 15 weeks.

For courses taught in the accelerated delivery, online/blended delivery, or other non-standard format, one semester credit hour consists of no less than 38 hours of instruction, individual learning activities (such as pre-course assignments, course assignments and preparation time), and team-based collaborative learning activities. Completion of graded outcomes that measure student achievement of learning objectives are comparable to those achieved via the standard delivery method.

## Quarter Credit Hours

The academic year is divided into three quarters from October through December, January to March, and March to June.

*Courses taught in the standard delivery method:* One quarter credit hour is counted for each "hour" of class or lecture time per week during the quarter. Most classes will end with ten minutes remaining on the hour to allow time to move to the next class, so each 50 minutes can be counted as a full hour. A 3 quarter-credit-hour lecture course, for example, meets at minimum 150 minutes (2.5 hours) per week over 10 weeks.

For courses taught in the accelerated, online/blended delivery, or other non-standard format, one quarter credit hour consists of no less than 25 hours of instruction, individual learning activities (such as pre-course assignments, course assignments and preparation time), and team-based collaborative learning activities. Completion of graded outcomes that measure student achievement of learning objectives is comparable to those achieved via the standard delivery method.

Quarter Credits convert at a 3 quarter credits to 2 semester credits ratio. If a program of study switches from quarters to semesters, earned credits will be applied at the 3:2 ratio. Partial credits are not rounded up.

Quarter Credit Hours	Semester Credit Hours
6 quarter credit hours	4 semester credit hours
5 quarter credit hours	3.33 semester credit hours
4 quarter credit hours	2.67 semester credit hours
3 quarter credit hours	2 semester credit hours
2 quarter credit hours	1.33 semester credit hours
1 quarter credit hour	0.67 semester credit hours