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Policy Statement

According to the United States Department of Education, a credit hour is the representation of the amount of work required to accomplish student learning outcomes. Federal regulation requires institutions to establish equivalency that reasonably approximates the following: "Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out of class work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester . . . or the equivalent amount of work over a different period of time."

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), adopting a commonly accepted practice in higher education, utilizes 50 minutes of classroom instruction plus a minimum of two hours out of class work for sixteen weeks as the basis for determining a credit hour, which reasonably approximates the federal definition of a credit hour.

EKU expects that at least an equivalent amount of work as described above will be required in other types of course work, such as laboratories, internships, practica, studio education, and cooperative education.

Some fields of study, certain types of academic experiences, or different degree levels may require additional contact hours or student work for the assignment of one credit hour.

Faculty have the primary responsibility for determining the level and the number of credit hours to be assigned to course work, which shall be determined at least in part by the learning outcomes and the amount of work such learning outcomes will entail.

Entities Affected by the Policy

- Departments
- Colleges
- Office of the Registrar
- Graduate School

Interpreting Authority

Senior Vice President for Academics and Provost

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