

COURSE CREDIT CALCULATION POLICY

Graduate course credit is calculated according to the following mechanism:

Each 18 hours of lecture, reading course presentations and other online materials, incorporating instructor feedback, engaging in online discussions/dialogue, interactive tutorials, or computer-assisted instruction and assessments = one (1) credit hour

Each 36 hours of laboratory, conference, demonstrations, clinical conference, other course activities = one (1) credit hour

Ninety (90) non-contact credit hours conducting research, writing papers or other assignments, completing projects, = one (1) credit hour*

*This policy may only be used for new course proposals beginning with the courses approved at the September 13, 1996, GSC meeting. It cannot be chosen for use in existing courses unless approved by the Graduate Studies Council upon recommendation by the Curriculum and Programs Committee.

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Internet-Web Based Courses:

Definition: An Internet-web based course is any course in which student may complete more than 50% of the requirements through internet access to the course web site.

Equivalence: Courses taught in the web-based format must be equivalent to the same course(s) taught in the traditional, face to face format.

During the planning and development of an asynchronous course, faculty should estimate the time a typical student will take interacting with the course content not limited to reading course presentations and other materials, participation in online discussions, conducting research, writing papers or other assignments; taking exams, interactive tutorials, or computer-assisted instruction; engagement with the instructor regarding course content, and completing other assignments or projects. The total time spent on these activities in an online course is equivalent to time spent on comparable activities in a face-to-face, traditional course.

As is the case with traditional, face to face courses, online course syllabi should provide evidence of compliance with the "Course Credit Calculations" (see above).

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