

POLICY 3.23: CREDIT HOUR

The credit hour is the basic unit of academic credit granted by at Sandburg to ensure compliance with federal regulations and accreditation expectations. A credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that's an institutionally established equivalency.

Sandburg uses the Carnegie unit as the basis for the credit hour. One semester credit equals 50 minutes of faculty instruction time per week for a minimum of 15 weeks along with a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week during the semester for each credit hour. An equivalent amount of work is required for all forms of learning activities, such as online, blended, laboratory work, clinical practicum courses, internship courses and studio work. Courses with an approved accelerated schedule may have modified contact hour requirements.

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