

Comparison of Practices for Awarding Credit Amongst Higher Learning Systems

All institutions used in the comparison are members of a Technical/Community College System and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Each college used for comparison has the name of the institution, the name of the Technical/Community College System, and the website for the institution. Membership in SACSCOC can be verified a [this web address](#).

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Southern Regional Technical College Technical College System of Georgia http://www.tcsg.edu	Semester Credit	<p><u>Lecture:</u> 1 contact hour (CH)* of class per week is equal to 1 semester hour credit(SH)* (1:1) equal to 750 minutes*</p> <p><u>Lab 2:</u> 2 contact hours per week is equal to 1 semester hour credit (2:1) equal to 1500 minutes*</p> <p><u>Lab 3:</u> 3 contact hours per week is equal to 1 semester hour credit (3:1) Internship: 3 contact hours per week is equal to 1 semester hour credit (3:1) equal to 2250 minutes*</p> <p>* 1 contact hour is equal to 50 minutes</p> <p>(General Program Standards - Program Structure - Course Consistency Standard Number 02-02-06)</p>																		
Madisonville Community College Kentucky Community and Technical College System http://www.kctcs.edu/	Semester Credit	<p><u>2.0.1.Contact/Credit Ratios:</u></p> <p>Suggested ratios include, but are not limited to, the following individual or integrated combination of components. Ratios may be adjusted to meet the specified requirements of individual programs or accrediting organizations. Generally, where contact hours are appropriate, contact hours for one (1) credit hour are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="657 1339 1515 1927"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Course Component</i></th> <th><i>One (1) Credit Hour Equates To:</i></th> <th><i>Contact/Credit Ratio</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lecture</td> <td>Fifteen (15) class hours</td> <td>Ratio: 15:1 (1 credit hour)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laboratory</td> <td>Thirty (30) to forty-five (45) class hours</td> <td>Ratios: 30:1 to 45:1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clinical Practice</td> <td>Forty-five (45) to sixty (60) class hours</td> <td>Ratios: 45:1 to 60:1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cooperative Work Experience</td> <td>Sixty (60) to ninety (90) class hours</td> <td>Ratios: 60:1 to 90:1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Practicum</td> <td>Sixty (60) to ninety (90) class hours</td> <td>Ratios: 60:1 to 90:1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(Rules of the Senate—Section V. 2.0 Credit, Loads, and Academic Standards.)</p>	<i>Course Component</i>	<i>One (1) Credit Hour Equates To:</i>	<i>Contact/Credit Ratio</i>	Lecture	Fifteen (15) class hours	Ratio: 15:1 (1 credit hour)	Laboratory	Thirty (30) to forty-five (45) class hours	Ratios: 30:1 to 45:1	Clinical Practice	Forty-five (45) to sixty (60) class hours	Ratios: 45:1 to 60:1	Cooperative Work Experience	Sixty (60) to ninety (90) class hours	Ratios: 60:1 to 90:1	Practicum	Sixty (60) to ninety (90) class hours	Ratios: 60:1 to 90:1
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<p>Gadsden State Community College</p> <p>Alabama Community College System</p> <p>https://www.accs.cc/</p>	<p>Semester Credit</p>	<p><u>705.01: Converting Contact Hours to Credit Hour Equivalencies</u></p> <p>Semester hours of credit are based upon the average number of hours of instruction weekly during a 15-week period, with an hour of instruction defined as not less than 50 minutes of instructor/student contact.</p> <p>Credit Hour Equivalencies: A semester hour of credit (or credit hour) is based upon the average number of hours of instruction taught weekly. The ratio of weekly contact hours to credit hours varies with the type of instruction being used.</p> <p>There are six general categories of types of instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Theory - Ratio:1:1 (one hour of credit for one hour of theory instruction as defined.), (2) Experimental Laboratory Ratio - 2:1(one hour of credit for two hours of “experimental” instruction as defined.) or 3:1 (one hour of credit for three hours of “experimental” instruction as defined.), (3) Practical Application Laboratory Ratio - 2:1 or 3:1, depending on program. (One hour of credit for two or three hours of “practical application” instruction as defined.), (4) Clinical Practice - Ratio: 3:1 (one hour of credit for three hours of “clinical practice” instruction as defined.), (5) Preceptorship - Ratio: 5:1 or 3:1 (one hour of credit for five hours or three hours of preceptorship instruction as defined.), and (6) Internship - Ratio: 5:1 (one hour of credit for five hours of “internship” instruction as defined.).

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