

TITLE: CREDIT HOUR

BOARD POLICY # 4238 (was 720.07)

Per the Oregon Community Colleges Handbook & Planning Guide:

The award of course credit is a local college issue. However, if awarded, it must adhere to the following ratios or to equivalent student learning outcomes. The number of clock or contact hours required to generate one credit per quarter term:

Generating One Credit	
Lecture	10-12 hours/term
Lab	30-36 hours/term
Lecture-Lab	20-24 hours/term
Physical Education Activity Course	30-36 hours/term
Recitation	10-12 hours/term
Cooperative Work Experience Seminar	10-12 hours/term
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	30-36 hours/term

“Clock/Contact hours” is defined as one clock (or contact) hour that is 60 minutes long. No more than 10 minutes of each hour can be used for a regularly scheduled break or passing period. [OAR 589-006-0050 \(13\)](#) The credit requirements of courses and programs should be manageable for students allowing them to successfully complete program requirements within a reasonable period of time.

There is a 108 credit mandatory cap on the maximum number of credits required for an associate degree or certificate of completion program. [OAR 589-006-0100](#)

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Chief Academic Officer is responsible for implementing and updating this policy. Specific guidance for policy implementation may be found in the associated Administrative Procedure(s).

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