

Current Course Credit Guidelines

Course credit for formal courses (e.g., lecture, laboratory, seminar) is based on the number of contact hours according to the following formula:

- One hour lecture equals one hour credit
- One hour supervised scheduled laboratory equals not more than 1/2 hour credit.

For undergraduate courses, credit hours must equal the hours prescribed by this formula.

For graduate courses, the number of credits should be equal to or within one hour of the lecture hours or the combination of lecture and laboratory credit hours as determined by the formula.

Before a course's credit hours can be expanded to include computer laboratory work, the following three criteria must be met:

- such work on the computer must be supervised by a faculty member or person designated by the faculty member (e.g., a teaching assistant);
- the hours of computer work must be scheduled hours: merely doing computer work at one's convenience does not qualify; and
- the computer component of the course must have assignments separate from the noncomputer component of the course.

For courses with variable hours (e.g. 2-5 credit hours), the credit offered for the course in a given quarter may be either listed as a variable hour course (e.g. readings or thesis) or as a certain number of credits. The credit offered for a given course may not be changed once it has been published in the Schedule of Classes.

Courses with variable credit hours are normally numbered with “_9_,” such as independent studies and thesis. If a course does not meet regular hours, the hours lecture (and lab if appropriate) should be listed as “arranged.”