UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NEW BOARD POLICY

BOARD POLICY SERIES NUMBER: 720.07

TITLE: Credit Hour

A credit hour shall be the unit of college academic credit representing 30-36 hours of academic engagement throughout a 11 week (fall, winter, spring) term or its equivalent in total work for short courses. When equating clock or contact hours to credit hours, one credit in the following types of courses is represented by:

Lecture: 1 contact hour/week, 10 + contact hours per term
Lab: 3 contact hour/week, 30 + contact hours per term
Lecture/Lab: 2 contact hours/week, 20 + contact hours per term
Practicum/Cooperative Work Experience: 3 contact hours/week, 30 + contact hours per term
Nursing Clinical: 3 contact hours/week, 30 + contact hours per term
Independent Study: 1 contact hour/week, 10 + contact hours per term

Consistent with federal regulations a credit hour is defined as "Except as provided in 34 CFR 668.8(k) and (l), a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

(1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
(2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours."

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