

SUPPLEMENT A2

HLC Appendix A: Worksheet for Institutions on the Assignment of Credit Hours and Clock Hours



Alverno College Credit Hour Definition

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Alverno College is on the semester hour system. Students in Weekday College and Adult Evening and Online programs must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours to earn a baccalaureate degree. A full-time course load is 12-18 credits hours. Students in graduate programs have varying numbers of credits for program completion, but a full-time course load is 6 credit hours. A credit hour is typically defined by a combination of in-class instruction and study outside of class, totaling three hours per credit earned, for 15 weeks.

Exceptions to this definition include studio courses, clinical experiences, directed research, travel courses, internships and practicums, and other experiences faculty offer to students outside of the usual laboratory or classroom setting.