

## **CREDIT HOUR**

Temple College holds the responsibility for determining and upholding standards related to the awarding of credit hours for student work consistent with national standards. Temple College defines a credit hour as 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

1. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours 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 outlined in item 1 above 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.

Temple College employs sound and acceptable practices for determining the amount and level of credit awarded for courses, regardless of format or mode of delivery.

Courses selected for inclusion in Temple College programs are formally accepted by the college through the Curriculum Committee in accordance with the curriculum approval process outlined in the Instructional Design policy.

Courses selected for inclusion in Temple College technical programs are formally accepted by the college through the Curriculum Committee in accordance with the curriculum approval process outlined in the Instructional Design policy.

Rationale for policy  
SACSCOC Credit Hours Policy Statement.

Procedures 1. Institutions preparing Compliance Certifications in anticipation of reaffirmation of accreditation (accredited institutions) or initial membership (candidate institutions). The institution will be required to document compliance with Standard 10.7 (Policies for awarding credit) as relates to credit hours. If the Board imposes a public sanction or takes adverse action in part or in full for continuing non-compliance with Standard 10.7 as applies to the credit hour, the Commission will notify the U.S. Secretary of Education. The institution will be informed of such action.

<https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/Credit-Hours.pdf>