Georgia State University Policy

2.40.08 Assignment of Credit Hours

Policy Summary

Awarding of academic credit is the responsibility of each academic unit. The BOR requires a minimum of 750 minutes of classroom or direct faculty instruction or equivalent for each semester credit hour and a minimum of 1500 minutes of out of class work or equivalent.

Full Policy Text

Each semester credit hour requires

a) a minimum of 750 minutes of classroom or direct faculty instruction or equivalent and
b) a minimum of 1500 minutes of out of class student work or equivalent.

Academic units may require more than these minima (for example, to fulfill requirements of specialized accrediting agencies).

These minima, or the equivalent amount of work, apply to all learning environments, including, but not limited to, classrooms, laboratories, studio, field experiences, internships, practica, clinical rotations, independent study, online environments, and distance learning formats.

Academic units, in conjunction with the college-level committees overseeing curriculum matters, are responsible for assuring that credit hours are awarded consistent with this policy in all learning environments.

This policy does not prohibit the awarding of credit based on a student's demonstration of the acquisition of competencies equivalent to those of an approved course (for example, credit by examination).

The previous policy on Assignment of Credit Hours is repealed.

Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority:
University Senate

Responsible Office(s):
Academic Deans and Department Chairs (see individual colleges)
Senate Committee on Academic Programs

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History
Approving Body: Senate

Rationale or Purpose

As part of our SACS review, it became apparent that GSU's policy on the assignment of credit hours was not clear in two respects. 1) It was not clear that the 750 minute rule was a minimum below which academic units could not go and 2) It was not sufficiently clear that students are required to do out of class work.

Additional Information

Revised per University Senate Minutes January 23, 2014

Additional Helpful Resources