

## Shortened Credit Hour Policy Statement

To address the needs of its diverse student body, University of Louisville (UofL) has established an academic calendar policy based on a standard of fourteen (14) weeks (fall/spring terms). The university policy adheres to the requirements established by the federal government and the applicable accrediting bodies. All courses at UofL follow uniform standards for determining the amount of credit awarded:

1. A one credit hour of lecture, discussion, or seminar requires at least 50 contact minutes per week during a regular semester (as allowed by SACS and consistent with the federal recognition of the Carnegie Unit definition). Courses offered entirely or partially through distance education or other alternate methods must offer opportunities for a comparable amount of contact with the instructor.
2. Each course syllabus must indicate an expectation of at least two-and-one-half hours of out-of-classroom activity per week for each hour of credit.
3. Exceptions to the policy are permissible if based on professional accreditation standards or norms for specific disciplines.

For more information: <http://louisville.edu/oapa/credit-hour-definition-and-policy>