



This policy defines a credit hour at King University in accordance with applicable federal regulations and expectations.

A credit hour is the unit of measurement used to indicate the amount of work represented in achieving intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than:

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 the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in item 1 above for other academic activities including laboratory work, internships, experiential learning, and other academic work leading to the awarding of credit hours.

King University defines a credit hour as a reasonable approximation of the student learning outcome equivalency of, at a minimum, a Carnegie Unit. The credit hour at King University is based on the traditional 50-minute Carnegie instructional hour in a traditional 15-week semester. Therefore, under the 50-minute Carnegie hour, a 1-credit hour course should have approximately 12.5 hours of instructor-led activities in a 15-week semester (in an on-ground, classroom course).

$$\begin{aligned} 50 \text{ minutes} \times 15 \text{ weeks} &= 750 \text{ minutes} \\ 750 \text{ minutes} / 60 \text{ minutes} &= 12.5 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

When added to the two hours per week that students are expected to engage in research, assignments, and other independent learning activities beyond participation in instructor-led activities (totaling 25 hours in a 15-week semester), students are expected to allocate a minimum of 37.5 hours of academic work per term to earn one credit hour at King University. For completely online courses, students will complete these 37.5 hours of academic work through all learning activities and assignments associated with the course.

For an example, for a 3-credit hour course, students are expected to allocate a minimum of 112.5 hours of academic work ($37.5 \times 3 = 112.5$). For a 4-credit hour course, students are expected to allocate a minimum of 150 hours of academic work ($37.5 \times 4 = 150$).

These standards apply to all on-ground, online, and hybrid courses with the following exceptions:

- Laboratories – Students earn one credit hour for every 30 to 45 hours spent in laboratory settings.
- Internships, Student Teaching, Directed Studies, and Experiential Learning – Students earn one credit hour for every 50 hours of internship, student teaching, directed study, or experiential learning experience.