



Policy for Determining Credit Hours for Coursework

Credits for law school courses are assigned in accordance with Standard 310 of the American Bar Association Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. A “credit hour” is an amount of work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks (including one week for final exams) or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time. An equivalent amount of work is required for other academic activities including simulation courses, field placement, clinical, co-curricular, and other academic work. For the purposes of this policy, fifty minutes may constitute an hour of class time so that the total amount of work for each credit is 42.5 hours. The Associate Dean for Curriculum Development is responsible for monitoring the amount of credit awarded for each course and verifying by review of course syllabi and meeting times and discussions with faculty members that the amount of credit awarded for each class is consistent with the policy.