

Credit Hour Policy

Federal Credit Hour Definition: A credit hour is 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 not less than:

(1) one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of 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 in paragraph (1) of this definition for other activities as established by an institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading toward to the award of credit hours. 34CFR 600.2 (11/1/2010)

In accordance with Federal policy the American Islamic College defines credit hour as the amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

One 50-minute period of classroom or direct faculty instruction per week and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week) for 15 weeks or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time.

At AIC a typical 3 credit hour undergraduate lecture/discussion course would meet for three 50-minute periods (150 minutes) each week for 15 weeks and would require a total of six 60-minute periods (300 minutes) of out-of-class student work per week over the course of the semester, for a course total of 6,750 minutes. Following the 15 weeks of instruction, an additional period may be scheduled for final examinations.

Supplement A1

Fall & Spring Terms, 16 weeks		Course Formats		
Number of Credits Awarded	Instructional Time	FTF	Independent/Directed Study	Internship or Practica
		2 Credits	Number of courses	
Number of meetings			15	
Meeting length			1hr 40min	
3 Credits	Number of courses		11	1
	Number of meetings		15-30	15
	Meeting length		1hr 15min-2hrs 30min	1hr
4 Credits	Number of courses		2	
	Number of meetings		30	
	Meeting length		1hr 40min	

Summer Term, 5 weeks		Course Format
Number of Credits Awarded	Instructional Time	FTF
		3 Credits 4 credits
Number of meetings	15 30	
Meeting length	3hrs 1 hr 40 min	