

HLC and the Definition of Credit Hour

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- Draft Report developing
 - Will request focused feedback on report and recommendations
- Items of Special Concern for General Education
1. From 2010 visit concerning online programs (including General Education courses)
 - Syllabi specific to every online course containing learning outcomes and assessments (assignments)
 2. Campus definition of credit hour (in catalog)

Federal Definition of Credit Hour

- 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 academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.