

Endicott College  
Credit Hour Policy  
Approved by President's Council – March 19, 2013

Institution Wide Definitions and Policies

- a. Endicott College uses the credit hour as the measure of academic currency
- b. Credit hour definition: in general, a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement.
- c. Semester definition: A standard semester is approximately 15 weeks.
- d. Formulas
  - i. In lecture courses, one semester hour of credit equals one hour of class instruction and at least two hours of work outside class for 15 weeks.
  - ii. A 3-credit course consists of 45 contact hours and 90 hours of outside work. The DOE has indicated that a 50 minute class is equivalent to an hour of instruction.
  - iii. Other Academic Activities (e.g. labs, studio, hybrid, or online) – one credit hour is assigned to three hours of student work per week throughout one semester of approximately 15 weeks in length or approximately 45hours of work.