

Summary: Shepherd University Credit Hour Policy

Note: Shepherd's credit hour policy for compressed format, hybrid, and/or online courses is consistent with the standards for courses offered through face-to-face instruction, although some or all of course content and faculty- student interaction occurs through one or more forms of distance education.

Type of Instruction	Contact Hours* per week ("class hours," 50- minute segments) A	Weekly Preparation Time (50 minute segments) B	A+B	Total Number of Weeks C	Total number of hours (A+B) x C	Minimum Number of credit hours awarded 45 = 1 90 = 2 135 = 3
Traditional Class [§ 600.2(1)]						
Lecture, recitation	1	2	3	15	45	1
	2	4	6	15	90	2
	3	6	9	15	135	3
Supervised Group Activity [§ 600.2(2)]						
Lab, Group studio, Practicum	3	0	3	15	45	1
	1	2	3	15	45	1
	2	4	6	15	90	2
Supervised Individual Activity [§ 600.2(2)]						
Independent study, individual studio, dissertation [#]	.5	2.5	3	15	45	1
	.5	5.5	6	15	90	2
	.5	8.5	9	15	135	3
Full-time Independent Study [§ 600.2(2)]						
Student teaching, practicum, clinical placement [#]	0	45 <i>(prep time and work time)</i>	45	1	45	1
Experiential Learning [§ 600.2(2)]						
Approved learning activities**	0	45 <i>(prep time and work time)</i>	45	1	45	1
Short Sessions [§ 600.2(1)]						
Courses offered in summer sessions	8.5 (4X weekly) Summer I & II	18	26.5	5	138.0	3
	8.5 (4X weekly) Summer I & II	10	18.5	5	92.5	2
	8.5 (4X weekly) Summer I & II	5	13.5	5	47	1
	3 (1 X weekly) Summer III)	11	14	10	140	3

*One contact hour = 50 minutes.

**The number of such credits is limited per catalog policy.

^This assumes regular contact takes place.

Credit for clinical experiences and/or practica and individual study is and may be determined in accordance with recommendations of a program's specific accrediting body or applicable state regulation.