

Policy on Credit Hour

In accordance with federal regulations Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) has adopted the regulations regarding the definition and assignment of credit hours under Section 600.2 and 600.24 of final regulations set forth in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Education.

Federal regulations define the credit hour as:

“Except as provided in 34CFR668.8 (k) and (l)*, 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.”

Pursuant to Section 600.24, to insure that credit hour assignments are accurate and reliable and any variations in the assignment of credit hours conform to commonly accepted practices in higher education, TVCC has incorporated the periodic review of this policy on credit hour into the Program Review Process.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 341.290](#)