

The following UL Lafayette Credit Hour Policy was approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards on March 28, 2017:

“The University of Louisiana at Lafayette adheres to the Louisiana State Board of Regents’ Seat-time Policy for Academic Credit, which states, in part, that

*All classes [awarding three credits] must be of reasonable length and include both content and contact sufficient to maintain high academic quality and standards commensurate with credit hours awarded for a “traditional” three semester-hour lecture class.*

The student learning outcomes for a course must be the same, regardless of whether the credit hour(s) is/are delivered in the traditional format or through equivalent academic activities. For online, hybrid, or other courses offered in a non-traditional format where no traditional course section is available for comparison, courses must include contact and content sufficient to maintain high academic quality and standards commensurate with credit hours awarded and parallel to equivalent face-to-face courses. This includes but is not limited to internships, independent studies, experiential learning activities, and online courses. For all modes of delivery, instructors’ expectations for learner participation in required course interactions (frequency, length, time minimums) must be clearly stated, and must constitute equivalent instruction to other modes of delivery of the same or similar course material.”

For laboratory courses, the following chart details the credit hour equivalencies:

Standard Credit Hours Awarded per Hours of Contact for Lectures and Labs by UL Lafayette

|                             | <i>Lecture</i> | <i>Lab</i> | <i>Credit Hour</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>1 credit hour course</i> | 1 hr           | 0          | 1 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 1 hr       | 1 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 2 hr       | 1 cr               |
| <i>2 credit hour course</i> | 2 hr           | 0          | 2 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 2 hr       | 2 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 4 hr       | 2 cr               |
| <i>3 credit hour course</i> | 3 hr           | 0 hr       | 3 cr               |
|                             | 2 hr           | 2 hr       | 3 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 4 hr       | 3 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 6 hr       | 3 cr               |
| <i>4 credit hour course</i> | 4 hr           | 0          | 4 cr               |
|                             | 3 hr           | 2 hr       | 4 cr               |
|                             | 2 hr           | 4 hr       | 4 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 6 hr       | 4 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 8 hr       | 4 cr               |

In exceptional cases and with approval, the following hours can be applied:

|                             | <i>Lecture</i> | <i>Lab</i> | <i>Credit Hour</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>1 credit hour course</i> | 1 hr           | 0          | 1 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 2 hr       | 1 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 3 hr       | 1 cr               |
| <i>2 credit hour course</i> | 2 hr           | 0          | 2 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 3 hr       | 2 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 6 hr       | 2 cr               |
| <i>3 credit hour course</i> | 3 hr           | 0 hr       | 3 cr               |
|                             | 2 hr           | 3 hr       | 3 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 4 hr       | 3 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 9 hr       | 3 cr               |
| <i>4 credit hour course</i> | 4 hr           | 0          | 4 cr               |
|                             | 3 hr           | 3 hr       | 4 cr               |
|                             | 2 hr           | 5 hr       | 4 cr               |
|                             | 1 hr           | 7 hr       | 4 cr               |
|                             | 0              | 12 hr      | 4 cr               |

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