Most commonly a semester hour is defined as the credit conferred for approximately three hours work per week for one semester. If the course for which the credit is conferred is a one hour lecture-discussion course, it is assumed that one hour of the three each week will be in formal class and two hours will be outside work taking the form of homework, assignments, reading, etc. If the course for which the credit is conferred requires no work outside meeting times, then three hours per week over the semester earns one credit hour. If the course for which credit is conferred is a workshop, equivalents must be established between student work hours and the above definition.

The equivalent for one credit hour is 45 hours of student work apportioned over teacher-student contact hours and work undertaken outside that context.

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