

## **University of Florida Maximum Credit Hour Definition**

In determining the maximum number of credits that may be assigned to a course, the following guidelines will apply. The University Curriculum Committee/Graduate Council may incorporate other considerations into its review of course credit and assign a number of credits fewer than the maximum.

1. For courses taught in a “traditional” classroom format in a 14-week semester, the maximum number of credits to be assigned is limited to the weekly number of 50-minute contact periods (or their equivalent) with the instructor. Underlying this statement is an assumption that each 50-minute contact period requires a minimum additional two hours of student work outside of the class involving reading, exercises, etc. Where this assumption does not hold true (as may be the case with some laboratories, for example), then the maximum number of credits may be significantly less than the weekly number of 50-minute contact periods.
2. For courses taught in a “modular” classroom format taking only a portion of a 14-week semester, the maximum number of credits to be assigned is obtained by prorating the guidelines in (1) above.
3. For courses taught in an electronic and/or asynchronous format. When there is an analogous course taught in a traditional or modular format as in (1) or (2), the maximum number of credits is computed from the traditional or modular format. When there is no analogous course taught in a traditional or modular format, the instructor is required to write a syllabus describing the structure of the course in a traditional format. The maximum number of credits is then computed as in (1).