

## Curriculum Committee meeting 3/4/2021 - Chat summary

RE: Discussion of credit vs. clock hours and how lecture and laboratory hours correspond

*From Dr. Eileen DeLuca, Provost:*

### Credit and Clock Hour Definitions

**Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) 6A-14.030 [2]** defines these awards for the Florida College System as well as the Credit and Clock Hour definitions. A **credit** is defined as follows: "...the learning expected from the equivalent of fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction; with credits for such activities as laboratory instruction, internships, and clinical experience determined by the institution based on the proportion of direct instruction to the laboratory exercise, internship hours, or clinical practice hours;" a **clock hour** as "the unit assigned to courses or course equivalent learning that is part of an organized and specified program leading to ... a Career and Technical Certificate" where the "standard clock hour length of all career and technical certificate programs as defined in Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C" [3].

[https://webapps.fsw.edu/online/SACS/documents/09.2%20Program%20length/Documentation/02\\_FAC\\_6A-14-030\\_Awards.pdf](https://webapps.fsw.edu/online/SACS/documents/09.2%20Program%20length/Documentation/02_FAC_6A-14-030_Awards.pdf)

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### FSW Catalog:

**Credit Hour:** 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 to:

- A. Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen (15) weeks for one semester hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or
- B. At least an equivalent amount of work as outlined in item "A." above for other academic activities including laboratory work, internships, practica, field work, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

Faculty develop syllabi for courses in accordance with the most recent Curriculum Committee Manual and any additional guidelines provided by the department/school and college. Consistent with this policy, the syllabus must document in-class instruction, out-of-class assignments, and/or other formal course activity that contribute to the determination of appropriate credit for the course.