Auburn University
Credit Hour Policy

Auburn University defines one credit hour as the unit of work that includes no less than one 50 minute period of classroom or direct faculty instruction and completion of assignments that typically requires 2 to 2.5 hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester (or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time). Auburn University expects that for each credit hour awarded, an appropriately prepared student will complete an average of 3-3.5 hours of academic work per week over the length of a 15 week semester. The same general expectation of student work exists for credits awarded for practica, internships, activity courses, laboratory experiences, and distance learning courses, although there will be variations to accommodate differences among academic disciplines.

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