

## **Credit Hour Definition**

In accordance with Federal policy the University of St. Francis defines a credit hour as the amount of work represented in the achievement of the intended learning outcomes (verified by evidence of student achievement) that reasonably approximates:

- 1) One hour (50 minute period) of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week, for approximately fifteen weeks (less breaks/holidays) for one semester, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- 2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other activities, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work and other academic work leading toward the award of credit hours.

All courses (including online, blended, accelerated, etc.) have syllabi that demonstrate how the instructional activities are appropriate for the number of credits.