

Course Credit Policy

The academic calendar consists of two semesters, each having approximately 67 instructional days (13 weeks), 3 study days and 5 days of final examinations. A one-unit course, (College of the Holy Cross does not use credit hours) generally consists of three 50-minute, two 75-minute, or one 150-minute session weekly for the semester and also generally includes a minimum of 8-10 out-of-class hours per week.

Courses meeting more than 150 minutes per week (such as courses that have a laboratory or practicum component) may in some cases earn more than one unit of credit.

There are instances where a course might involve fewer formal class meetings than the norm but require commensurately more than 8-10 hours of out-of-class work. Such cases include:

- Courses involving unusually extensive, required independent work and required conferences with instructors (tutorials, independent reading and research, Directed Independent Spanish Curriculum and thesis courses);
- Courses involving supervised intensive experiences (academic internships, laboratory research)