



Academic programs at University of Western States (UWS) are typically offered on a quarter system. A quarter hour credit is not the same as a semester hour credit, because semester systems include more weeks per academic term than quarter systems.

A quarter credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than:

- (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction, and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week, for approximately eleven weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time;
- (2) Two hours of laboratory instruction, and a minimum of one hour of out-of-class student work each week, for approximately eleven weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- (3) Three hours of academic commitment per week of internship, practicum experiences, or independent/direct study for approximately eleven weeks for one quarter hour of credit.

Student learning outcomes for courses and academic programs are to be uniformly satisfied regardless of the mode of instruction.

**Related Policies:** [Policy 1207 Grading System](#)  
[Policy 1237 Transcripts](#)  
[Policy 2007 Transfer Credit](#)

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