



Academic programs at University of Western States (UWS) are offered on a quarter system. A quarter credit is 0.67 of a semester credit (i.e., quarter credit divided by 1.5). In general, three academic quarters equal two academic semesters.

Credit Definition

One credit represents three hours of student work for each week of the term. Hours may be allocated among direct instruction/supervision in class, lab, and/or practicum/clinical settings and expected independent work.

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

Clock/Instructional Hour Definition

One hour of clock/instructional time represents one hour of direct course instruction/supervision in a lecture, lab, and/or practicum/clinical settings.

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

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