



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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