

**Higher Education Coordinating Commission published rule on
hours of student work per credit hour awarded.**

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Notice of Proposed Rule

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Definitions of Terms

(5) "Class hour" or "contact hour" means approximately one hour of direct communication between a teacher and one or more students, minus time for rest or change of classes. Conventionally this has been a fifty-minute period.

(7) "Credit," when the full term is "postsecondary or college credit," means indication or certification by a school that a student has completed a unit of study, demonstrated achievement or proficiency, or manifested measured learning outside of school so as to have satisfied a portion of the requirements for a degree or for any other academic recognition offered by the school.

(8) "Credit hour" means one postsecondary credit resulting from one of the following intended to result from at least 2 hours of student work out of class (or in equivalent lab time) for each contact hour in class, totaling:

(a) Approximately 45 hours of student work in a semester;

(b) Approximately 30 hours of student work in a quarter;

(c) An equivalent amount of student work under an alternate term calendar schedule approved by ODA; or

(d) Equivalent student work demonstrated by student performance on a nationally recognized examination or evaluation acceptable to the Office commission.