

Credit Hour Policy

New York City College of Technology (City Tech) of the City University of New York (CUNY) uses the U.S. Department of Education definition of a “credit hour” as:

“ ...An amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency 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 for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or,

(2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, clinical practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

The U.S. Department of Education establishes the credit hour as the basis for measuring an institution’s eligibility for federal funding.¹

¹U.S. Department of Education Office of Post-Secondary Education, “Guidance to Institutions and Accrediting Agencies Regarding a Credit Hour as Defined in the Final Regulations Published on October 29, 2010.” This policy also reflects regulations specified in 34 CFR §600.2, §602.24, and §668.8