

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Policy Manual

CHAPTER VIII – ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 35: COURSE CREDITS*

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COURSE CREDITS

Credit recommendations are expressed in semester credit hours. In determining semester hour recommendations, the following guidelines are used:

- A. Contact time may include direct faculty instruction or faculty coaching students while they apply the course information to an activity. One hour of contact time and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester hour or credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- B. One semester credit hour for each 30 hours of laboratory work plus necessary outside preparation or its equivalent, normally expected to be 15 hours; or
- C. One semester credit hour for not less than 45 hours of clinical/internship/practicum/independent study instruction (contact hours) or the equivalent.

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