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**Currentness**

- (a) One credit hour of community college work (one unit of credit) shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of total student work or 33 quarter hours of total student work, which may include hours inside or outside-of-class.
- (b) A course requiring 96 hours or more of total student work at colleges operating on the semester system or 66 hours or more of total student work at colleges operating on the quarter system shall provide at least 2 units of credit.
- (c) Work experience education courses defined in section 55252 shall adhere to the formula for credit hour calculations identified in section 55253.
- (d) Direct assessment competency-based education modules defined in section 55270 shall adhere to the formula for credit hour calculations identified in section 55270.12.
- (e) For programs designated by the governing board as clock hour programs, units of credit shall be awarded in a manner consistent with the provisions of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, part 600.2.
- (f) Credit hours for all courses may be awarded in increments of one unit or less.
- (g) District governing boards shall establish a policy defining the standards for credit hour calculations. District policies shall specify the credit hour calculation method for all academic activities, expected ratios of in-class to outside-of-class hours for each type of academic activity, standards for incremental award of credit, standard term length, and provisions for monitoring compliance with state and federal regulations related to credit hour calculations.

**Credits**

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