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Some courses may require additional minutes per credit received. These requirements are discipline specific and relate to requirements for national certification or internships. These occur in graduate nursing, engineering, other health care-focused programs, and others as designated by the Provost Office.

Alvernia complies with the following laws and regulations from the U.S. Department of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Middle States Commission on Higher Education in defining credit hours Credit Hour.

"..An amount of work representing 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 or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter 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, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours."

- A minimum of 50 minutes of instruction.
- A systematic course or program of nonresident instruction.
- A unit of learning covering specific subject matter.



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