

Credit Hour Determination Policy

Scope

Applies to Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (MCASOM) students when determining the value of academic credit.

Purpose

To describe the determination of credit hours for courses at MCASOM.

Policy

- MCASOM has established the credit hour as the measure of educational credit a student may receive for reporting or other purposes, including the academic transcript.
- In the Pre-Clerkship phase of the curriculum, MCASOM course credit hours include and are not limited to lectures, laboratories, small group discussions, case-based learning activities, and clinic time (simulated or otherwise).
 - Didactic course credit hours are calculated on the formula: one credit = approximately 15 contact hours.
- In the clinical experiences within the curriculum (occurs throughout all four years), more emphasis is placed on clinical/experiential learning.
 - Clinical credit hours are calculated on the formula: one credit = approximately 40 contact hours.

Policy Notes

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) is the U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting body for programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States. LCME Standard 6.8 Education Program Duration requires a medical education program include at least 130 weeks of instruction.

Related Procedures

N/A

Related Documents

[Absence and Attendance Policy](#)

[Academic Enrichment Policy](#)

[Grading Policy](#)

[Selectives Policy](#)

[Self-Directed Learning and Independent Study Time in the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum Policy](#)

Definitions

Course: The collective representation of all required curriculum components, e.g. course, longitudinal learning experience, clerkship, sub-internship, selective, elective, etc.

Credit Hour: The Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR) Title 34: Education Part 600-Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended, 600.2 defines 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.

References

[Electronic Code of Federal Regulations](#)

[Liaison Committee on Medical Education](#)

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