

Agenda

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL

Friday, February 19, 2021 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

1) Specialized Credit Limitation: Guest: Dr. Debra Ronneburg: CoT Associate Dean
Request from the College of Technology to add 2 more programs to the exception that “Up to 100% of these programs can be fulfilled by Experiential Learning Assessment:

1. AAS in Electrical Apprenticeship and AAS in Law Enforcement.

No more than 30% of the program requirements can be fulfilled through credit by examination. **

No more than 25% of the program requirements can be fulfilled with Experiential Learning Assessment. ***

No More than 8 credits allowed from Professional Development workshop courses. (music majors may count 8 credits of ensemble participation in music as free electives.)

No More than 8 credits allowed from physical activity courses (including all PEAC courses, DAAC courses, and MSL 1110/PEAC1110)

Exception: Up to 100% of the Associate of Applied Science: Energy Systems Nuclear Operations Technology Program can be fulfilled by Experiential Learning Assessment

2) Credit Policy (Concern because of online/hybrid classes)- See attached draft crafted by Dr. Whitaker

a) Credit or Credit Hour

The credit, sometimes referred to as semester credit or semester hour, is a unit of academic work. One credit is defined to require fifty minutes in a class each week for one semester (or the equivalent).

b) Current Policy: One semester credit hour in academic courses requires (1) fifty minutes in class each week for one semester (which assumes approximately twice this amount of time in study and preparation outside the classroom), or (2) approximately two and one-half hours in laboratory each week for a semester, or (3) equivalent combinations of (1) and (2). For purposes of equivalency calculations, a semester is assumed to be sixteen weeks. Short term courses of one week (five days) or more require time in class, laboratory, and preparation equivalent to the above for a total of 45 clock hours per credit.

- c) Whitaker purposed to change this for faculty dealing with the hybrid schedule due to the pandemic.
- i) The norm at other universities tends to be to multiply the credit hour number, by 3.
- ii) Faculty could bank an hour one week and then use more hours the next week.
- iii) Whitaker would be willing to draft language for our next meeting that would address this in the policy, which could then be voted upon.