

Guidelines for Assigning Credit Hours

In compliance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, South Texas College has procedures for determining the credit hours awarded for courses and programs that conform to commonly accepted practices in higher education and to the Southern Association Commission on Colleges Credit Hour policy. South Texas College adheres to the rules and guidelines of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the awarding of credit for coursework. The guidelines for assigning credit hours for academic general education coursework are provided in the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM). The ACGM provides the expectation for lecture hours, laboratory hours, and contact hours based upon the semester credit hours assigned to the course and serves as the repository for all academic transferable courses.

The guidelines for assigning credit hours for workforce education coursework are provided in the Guidelines for Instructional Programs in Workforce Education (GIPWE). The GIPWE provides the expectation for lecture hours, laboratory hours, and contact hours based upon the semester credit hours assigned to the course, and includes recommendations for traditional lecture or lab-based coursework, practicums, internships, cooperative education, and clinical coursework. The Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) serves as the repository for all workforce courses. Compliance with these guidelines is monitored by the THECB through mandatory state reporting of all courses offered by the institution at all sites.