POLICY: Credits

A. Purpose & Scope:
   To define and describe credits within the University system

B. Definition(s):
   1 credit hour equals 50 minutes of instruction
   a. Internship credits are defined separately in the Internship Credits and Work Hours policy

C. Policy:
   Credit for coursework is recorded in credit hours. One credit hour represents a 50 minute meeting which
   meets each week for the 15 week semester. For laboratory classes, the ratio may differ somewhat from one
   department to another, but usually two or three hours of laboratory work each week for the 15 week
   semester are worth one credit hour. For courses conducted in out-of-classroom settings, 1 credit is equated
   to a minimum of 2 hours of student work each week for 15 weeks.

   A full time undergraduate student is one who is taking 12 or more credits. An undergraduate student
   having fewer than 12 credits is considered a part time student. Only registered coursework in a given term
   is counted towards a student’s full or part time status for that term. The work that a student might need to
   do for an Incomplete from a previous term will not count towards a student’s full or part time status for the
   current term.

   Students expecting to progress from one class rank to the next on an annual basis and graduate in four
   years should complete an average of 30 credits per year, or 15 credits per semester / term.

D. Procedure(s):

E. Effective date: 2013 Undergraduate Catalog
   Updated date: December 8, 2014
   Amended Date: