

Wyoming Catholic College
Credit Assignment Policy

Wyoming Catholic College applies to its own practice of assigning credits the following Federal Credit Hour Definition:

A credit hour is an amount of work represented 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 each week 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 activities as established by an institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading toward to the award of credit hours. 34CFR 600.2 (11/1/2010)

Credit hours are assigned to each course based on a total of the classroom or instruction hours and hours of non-classroom work expected and assessed.

3 Credits. The College assigns 3 credits to courses fulfilling the following descriptions:

- a. 3 hours of class meeting with two hours of homework preparation expected for each classroom meeting.
- b. 3 weeks of continuous backcountry learning environment with instructor continuously present, and one week of preparation with daily instruction, and 3 hours per week of personal training and preparation for the trip itself.

2 Credits. The College assigns 2 credits to courses fulfilling the following descriptions:

- a. FTF and Mixed 1.5 classroom instruction hours per week, 3 lab hours per week, plus two hours of non-classroom work per session.
- b. Independent Study (e.g., TRV 401) requiring 1 tutorial meeting of 1 hr per week (13 meetings), plus expectation of 6 hours of non-classroom work.
- c. FTF - 3 instruction hours per week with less than 2 non-classroom hours of work (e.g., Equestrian courses).

1 Credit. The College assigns 1 credit to courses fulfilling the following descriptions:

- a. Some mixed Experiential Learning Courses (ELP 201, 202, 301, 302, 401, and 402): these courses have 1.5 instruction hours for six weeks with two hours of non-classroom work per session; three more weeks of instructor-guided preparation for an outdoor experience; and one continuous week of instructor-assessed outdoor experience (back-country camping, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, etc.).
- b. Mixed courses (e.g., ELP Winter Course) with one continuous week of outdoor experience with daily instructor presence and assessment, but minimal non-classroom work.

- c. Independent Study (e.g., TRV 402): requiring six weekly tutorial sessions of one hour each, plus 4 hours of non-classroom work per week, and a culminating memorized oration presented publicly with a panel of three assessing faculty
- d. FTF courses that involve 1 weekly hour of classroom time (13 class session) with faculty instructor, and two weekly hours of non-classroom work (e.g., LAT 301).