

Attachment A
Semester Hour Definition (NYSED)

(Source: NYSED, Title 8 Chapter II 50.1 (o): The SED regulations define a semester hour as “a credit, point, or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of a course which requires at least 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments, except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 52.2(c)(4) of this Subchapter. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of study in relation to the credit granted for study during the two semesters that comprise an academic year.”

Title 8 Chapter II 52.2 (c) (4) Exceptions to the semester hour requirement may be made “only (i) when approved by the commissioner as part of a registered curriculum; or (ii) when the commissioner has granted prior approval for the institution to maintain a statement of academic standards that defines the considerations which establish equivalency of instruction and study and such statement has been adopted by the institution.”

These requirements are for all undergraduate and graduate credit-bearing courses.