



## STUDENT CREDIT HOUR POLICY

### PURPOSE

To ensure that all University programs meet accreditation requirements for a credit hour of coursework.

### STATEMENT OF POLICY

Long Island University adheres to the regulatory requirements of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and accreditation requirements of its regional accreditor, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) regarding Credit Hour requirements. The University's policy complies with these regulatory requirements and is in effect for all NYSED-registered programs.

All undergraduate and graduate courses must achieve the prescribed contact hours as proscribed by NYSED 8 CRR-NY.II.A.50.1(o). For each credit, there shall be at least 15 hours of instruction (i.e., 50 minute per credit for a total of 750 minutes) and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments.

All University curricula and courses are offered and all credits are awarded, consistent with the requirements of §52.2(c) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of the New York State Education Department. All LIU programs are NYSED approved and meet state credit-hour requirements.

The University verifies the length of an academic period and compliance with credit hour requirement through the course scheduling grid utilized by the Office of the Registrar.

See *Credit Hour Procedures* for specific information on calculating semester hours per course.

### DEFINITIONS

*Credit hour:* 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.

**POLICY TYPE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**