

Committee on Educational Policy
Policy on UCSC Credit Hours

SR 760 does not specify a relationship between unit value and class contact hours. UCSC utilizes the following model:

- A five-unit course should generally have 31.5 contact hours over the course of the term – 3.15 hours a week (195 minutes) corresponding either to two 95-minute meetings or three 65-minute meetings per week.
- A two-unit course should typically involve 14 hours per term, or approximately one 90-minute meeting per week, although time for 2- and 3- unit courses can vary, with “independent studies,” by definition, allowing less contact time, and public colloquia sometimes involving more.

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