

CHAPTER I

ACADEMICS

SECTION VII. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Minimum Length for Academic Courses. For each semester hour of credit, a traditional lecture or laboratory course shall strive to meet a minimum of 750 minutes. Final exam periods may be counted as class time when computing required minutes.

With the growth in distance learning technologies, and increases in the number of readings/special topic courses, independent study courses, and other more flexible course presentations, the customary method of determining course length for such non-traditional courses has been reexamined. Consistent with Board of Regents policy (Seat-Time Policy for Academic Credit) all classes must be of reasonable length and include both content and contact sufficient to maintain high academic quality and standards commensurate with credit hours awarded. The basis for such certification of learning is a valid, credible assessment system that reliably determines whether a student possesses clearly identified, standards-based knowledge, skills and abilities.

- B. Summer Sessions. The Board authorizes each institution under its jurisdiction to carry out summer programs of varying length.