

CREDIT HOUR POLICY: POSTGRADUATE

1. At the postgraduate level, one US credit is equivalent to:
 - a. 2.5 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits
 - b. 5 UK credits
2. The credit equivalency for US and UK credits at the Masters level differs from that at the undergraduate level, as additional independent study hours are required at the Masters level. This is reflected in the notional hours of learning calculated for credit in the UK, but the US credit calculation remains rooted in classroom hours.
3. A typical postgraduate course consists of 4 US/20 UK credits (for US/UK credit equivalencies, see below). 4 US postgraduate credits / 20 UK postgraduate credits normally correspond to classroom hours as follows:
 - a. 80 minute classes that meet 2 times per week (terminating 10 minutes before the 90-minute timetabling end point)
 - b. 160 minute classes that meet 3 times per week (containing a break of 10 minutes and terminating 10 minutes before the 180-minute timetabling end point).
4. The difference between undergraduate and post-graduate ratios of classroom time to credit is a result of increased expectations for research time outside of the classroom.
5. For out of class room experiences, such as internships, one 'practice' credit hour represents 3-4 hours per week of supervised and/or independent practice. This in turn represents between 45 and 60 hours of work per semester per credit. The hours expressed in the Course Specification Documents (CSDs) should fall within this range.

