

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) which normally corresponds to 39 classroom hours across the standard 11 week semester.
4. Some L7 courses run at different credit values and for different durations, and students should refer to their individual programme specifications to understand the weekly hours per course.
5. 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.
6. For out of classroom 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.

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