Credit Hour Definition

One semester credit hour is awarded for a minimum of 750 minutes of formalized instruction that typically requires students to work at out-of-class assignments an average of twice the formalized instruction (1,500 minutes). Formalized instruction may take place in a variety of modes, and online and hybrid courses will honor the same definition of a credit hour.

While awarding semester credit hours typically occurs for instruction delivered in accordance with the institution standard semester calendar, it may also occur for instruction that may not follow the typical pattern of the institution standard semester calendar as long as the criteria for awarding such credit is met.