Unit of Credit

Credit hours are the unit of measure of the amount of work represented by specified learning outcomes in an academic program. Academic programs at the University of Denver are scheduled on both quarter and semester (College of Law) calendars. Each academic program specifies the number of (quarter- or semester-hour) credits required. Courses award credit based on learning outcomes for the course. For lecture courses, one credit hour represents one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-classroom student work each week the quarter or semester. Credit for non-lecture courses such as laboratories, internships, practica, studios or music performance classes represent equivalent learning outcomes. The amount of scheduled times for these courses vary.

More information regarding the University of Denver’s credit guidelines and instructional methodology definitions can be found on the Registrar website (https://www.du.edu/registrar/course/credithourguidelines.html).