



AWARDING CREDITS (RCTC Policy 3.17.1)

Part 1. Standards: Courses for college credit shall be designed and conducted with the expectation that the typical student will need to spend time in scheduled class or laboratory-type instruction, in combination with out-of-class assignments, so that the total approximates three (3) hours per week for each credit. In courses which meet for less than or more than a full term, the three (3) hour standard shall also be used in determining the number of credits to be awarded.

Part 2. Scheduling:

Subpart 1. The minimum scheduled time will be one 50-minute hour per credit per week.

Subpart 2. Exceptions to the above may be approved by the supervising academic administrator, pursuant to [MnSCU Board Policy 3.17](#) which specifically allows for "creative approaches to the awarding of credit in response to demonstrated student skills attainment." Examples of this might include, but not be limited to, Internet-based courses, other forms of distance learning, and independent study.