

CREDIT ASSIGNMENT BY COURSE TYPE

Assignment of Credits

Moraine Park Technical College assigns undergraduate (UG) credits based the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) definition of credits based on **potential hours of instruction (PHI)**. Calculation of credits is based on a combination of instructional time and type of instruction. For example, in a traditional lecture course, one associate degree credit is awarded for eighteen 50-minute periods (18 periods x 50 minutes = 900 minutes) of instruction with the expectation of an additional thirty-six 50-minute periods (36 periods x 50 minutes = 1,800 minutes) of student effort outside of the classroom. The WTCS credit hour structure aligns with the Carnegie Unit/Student Hour conventions and definitions provided by 34 CFR 600.2.

WTCS Course Types and Instruction

The following table provides examples of the types of instruction defined by the WTCS and the corresponding hours of instruction and outside effort required to equal one undergraduate credit for Associate Degree and Technical Diploma programs.