

**Guam Community College
Board of Trustees**

CREDIT HOUR POLICY

WHEREAS, the Guam Community College conducts undergraduate level credit courses under a semester system of approximately fifteen (15) weeks each semester per academic year (or its equivalent in the summer session); and

WHEREAS, a credit hour policy will codify the College's requirement of course contact hours in compliance with Federal and accrediting agency guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the attached guidelines, as the final product of the work of the Learning Outcomes Committee (LOC) and the Faculty Senate, as approved by the College Governing Council, includes two-years' worth of study and analysis from GCC faculty and administrators as well as data and study about this issue from accrediting agencies and other postsecondary institutions outlining the College's minimum number of hours necessary for the award of one unit of college credit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees supports this "Credit Hour Policy" which reasonably approximates not less than (1) one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) a minimum of 45 hours of student work for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory, practicum, clinical, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Credit Hour Policy proposed by the College Governing Council and approved by the President, be adopted by the Guam Community College Board of Trustees.

Reviewed with no changes: August 11, 2017

Adopted: June 13, 2012

Resolution: 10-2012