Documents Providing Supporting Evidence for Accreditation Compliance

Credit Hours

A. Review of New Course Proposals

The Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee routinely screens both new course proposals and course revisions to ensure that the scheduled class time corresponds to the number of credits assigned to the course. Below is a list of a number of new and revised courses that were approved by that Committee for the past academic year that provides examples of the correspondence between the number of credits for those courses and the actual scheduled class time.

1. 11:015:442 Entrepreneurial Agriculture, 3 credits, two 80-minute lectures per week
2. 11:126:421 Careers in Biotechnology, 1.5 credits, one 80-minute lecture per week
3. 11:374:429 Agrarian Landscapes, 3 credits, two 80-minute lectures per week
4. 11:015:440 Agroecology, 3 credits, two 80-minute lectures per week

B. Ongoing Review of Existing Courses

Existing courses listed in the Schedule of Classes are routinely scanned to ensure that correspondence between scheduled meeting times and listed credit hours is maintained. Below is a list of courses that were identified with a disparity between those two criteria, and the disposition taken to correct that disparity.

1. 11:126:406 Plant Gene Transfer
   Listed as a 4 credit course, but scheduled class time was equivalent to a 2.5 credit course (one 80-minute lecture and one 3-hour lab). Resolved by reducing the course credits to 2.5 credits.

2. 11:373:210 Business Decision Computer Tools
   Listed as a 4 credit course, but scheduled class time was equivalent to a 2.5 credit course (one 80-minute lecture and one 3-hour lab). Resolved by changing the format to two 80-minute lecture sessions and two 80-minute recitation sections.

3. 11:373:211 Applications of Mathematical Concepts to Agricultural Economics
   Listed as 4 credits, but scheduled class time was equal to a 4.5 credit course (two 80-minute lectures and one 80-minute recitation). Resolved by reducing the recitation meeting time to 55 minutes.