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**Comprehensive Standard 3.4.8**

**The institution awards academic credit for coursework taken on a noncredit basis only when there is documentation that the noncredit coursework is equivalent to a designated credit experience.**

**Judgment:** Compliant

**Response:**

The Academic Bulletins for the Columbia (undergraduate and graduate), Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union campuses maintain that no credit may be earned for coursework taken on a noncredit basis. Policies within each Bulletin are clear that credit cannot be earned in an audited course by examination or otherwise. Students who have registered for a course on an audit basis and who wish to change their registration to take the course for credit (or who wish to change from credit to audit) must do so no later than the last day to change course schedule or drop without a grade of W being recorded, as published in the academic and refund calendars on the registrar's Web site. Hours of credit which may be awarded for educational experiences in the military should be in accordance with recommendations published by the American Council on Education and be consistent with University policy on the transfer of credit but will only be applied to a degree program upon the approval of the dean of the college from which the degree is to be awarded.



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**Supporting Documentation:**

Description	Source
<b>Policies on Noncredit Coursework in Academic Bulletins</b>	
Undergraduate - Columbia	<a href="http://bulletin.sc.edu/">http://bulletin.sc.edu/</a>
Policy on Transfer of Credit	<a href="http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&amp;navoid=1868 - Transfer_Admission">http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&amp;navoid=1868 - Transfer_Admission</a>
Policy on Auditing	<a href="http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&amp;navoid=1779 - Auditing">http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&amp;navoid=1779 - Auditing</a>
Graduate – Columbia	<a href="http://bulletin.sc.edu/">http://bulletin.sc.edu/</a>
<b>Enrollment in Courses for Audit</b>	<a href="http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&amp;navoid=1868 - Admission_as_a_Non-degree-Seeking_Candidate">http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=10&amp;navoid=1868 - Admission_as_a_Non-degree-Seeking_Candidate</a>
<b>Retroactive Graduate Credit</b>	<a href="http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=9&amp;navoid=1880 - Retroactive_Graduate_Credit">http://bulletin.sc.edu/content.php?catoid=9&amp;navoid=1880 - Retroactive_Graduate_Credit</a>
USC Lancaster	<a href="http://bulletin.usclancaster.sc.edu/">http://bulletin.usclancaster.sc.edu/</a>
USC Salkehatchie	<a href="http://bulletin.uscsalkehatchie.sc.edu/">http://bulletin.uscsalkehatchie.sc.edu/</a>
USC Sumter	<a href="http://bulletin.uscsumter.edu/">http://bulletin.uscsumter.edu/</a>
USC Union	<a href="http://bulletin.uscunion.sc.edu/">http://bulletin.uscunion.sc.edu/</a>
<b>Other Policies and Publications</b>	
American Council on Education (ACE)	<a href="http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Military_Programs">http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Military_Programs</a>
ACE Transfer Credit Recommendations	<a href="http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/CLLL/Credit_Transfer.pdf">http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/CLLL/Credit_Transfer.pdf</a>