

3.4.6

The institution employs sound and acceptable practices for determining the amount and level of credit awarded for courses, regardless of format or mode of delivery.

(Practices for awarding credit)

The *Academic Bulletin* and USC policy statement (ACAF 2.03) state that "each single course credit requires a minimum of 700 minutes or 14 hours of continuous and ongoing instructional time Any variation from the above is considered a Non-Standard Session and must be approved ... " The Compliance Certification Report states that "Decisions regarding the number of credit hours and level of the proposed course are made at the departmental level according to the nature of the course ... " The Compliance Certification Report also states, "Additional levels of approval, monitoring, and/or assessment are required for distance education, contract, special topic, experimental, off-campus, schedule exception, non-standard session, independent study, internship, practical learning, and professional development courses."

3.4.8

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

USC's academic bulletins indicate that USC does not award credit for coursework taken on a non-credit basis. The academic bulletins also indicate that credit for educational experiences in the military is awarded in accordance with the American Council on Education recommendations.