

Federal Requirement 4.9

The institution has policies and procedures for determining the credit hours awarded for courses and programs that conform to commonly accepted practices in higher education and to Commission policy. (Definition of credit hours) (Note: Refer to Commission policy "Credit Hours" as posted on the Web page at <http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp>.)

Compliance Non-Compliance

Proof/Explanation:

Tennessee Technological University has defined and published a policy for credit hours. The Definition of a Credit Hour states: "Tennessee Technological University is organized on the semester basis. When the term hour or credit is used, it refers to a semester hour credit. A semester hour is one hour of class, recitation, or two or more hours of laboratory work, per week through one semester of approximately fifteen weeks. Laboratory hours per credit are determined by department or college" (*Section of Academic Regulations and Registration, page 37, 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog*). Samples of program requirements and course requirements are attached to demonstrate the application of this policy. In conclusion, Tennessee Tech's definition of a credit hour conforms to commonly accepted practices in higher education and to SACSCOC Commission policy.

Supporting Documentation:

Samples of Course Requirements:

[CHE 2011 - Chemical and Biological Engineering Process Analysis](#)

Lec. 3. Lab: 2. Credit 4.

Prerequisite: CHEM 1120 and MATH 1910 . Quantitative descriptions of chemical and biological engineering systems. Conservation of mass and energy for single and multi-process units as well as for reactive and non-reactive systems. Lab introduces report writing, basic measurement techniques, and applications of mass conservation equations.

[BIOL 6350 - Management of Wetland Wildlife](#)

Lec. 3. Lab. 3. Credit. 4.

Prerequisite: WFS 4700 (5700) . Ecology and management of wildlife species occurring in wetland habitats, emphasis on waterfowl and southeastern fauna.

Samples of Program Requirements:

[Chemistry Applied Chemistry Concentration, B.S.](#)

[Master's Degree Requirements](#)