

Credit and Time Requirements

The basic formula of SC State University for calculating credit hours is as follows:

Credit is reckoned in semester hours. One fifty-minute recitation for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent in laboratory work, constitutes a semester hour.

Additional information is outlined below for the Music Unit regarding applied lessons, lecture courses, lab courses, ensembles, studio ensembles, and recital hour.

Applied Lessons

In applied lessons, one semester credit hour equals one hour of class instruction and at least five hours, per week, of suggested practice time for a period of 15 weeks.

Lecture Courses

In lecture courses, one semester credit hour equals three hours of class instruction and two hours of outside class work preparation comprising reading assignments, course assignments, and projects, per week, for a period of 15 weeks.

Lab Courses

In lab courses, one semester credit hour equals one hour of class instruction and three hours of class preparation per week for 15 weeks.

Ensembles

In ensemble courses, one semester credit hour equals five hours of class instruction per week for a period of 15 weeks.

Studio Ensembles

Students are instructed to practice a suggested minimum of one hour a week, per one credit hour of applied lesson instruction for 15 weeks in preparation for studio ensemble courses. That hour thereby adds an additional one hour of practice time to the suggested minimal practice time for applied lessons.

Recital Hour

In this course, a zero-credit hour equals one hour of class attendance and participation and a suggested six hours of practice time that are acquired via applied and studio ensemble combined practice times, per week, for 15 weeks.