

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Definition of a Credit Hour

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, in its College, Theologate, and Graduate School, adhere to Middle States Commission on Higher Education's definition of a credit hour as:

“...An amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

(1) one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or,

(2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

In accordance with federal guidelines and commonly accepted practices in higher education, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary operates on a 50-minute hour for definition (1) as it relates to direct faculty instruction plus two hours of out-of-classroom student work;

In addition, each student engages in a minimum of 3 hours per week for 14 weeks for definition (2) as it relates to other non-direct instructional activities, such as internship (pastoral field work).