

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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EXECUTIVE POLICY – ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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E5. 228 – Credit Hour

I. Introduction

This executive policy defines credit hour and directs units (UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, UH West O‘ahu, UH Maui College and UH Community Colleges) to develop a process to assure reliability and accuracy of assignment of credit hours across activities earning academic credit.

II. A credit hour

A. Is associated with an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement

B. Reasonably approximates but is not less than

- i. One hour of class or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks for one semester or the equivalent amount of work over a different period of time. OR
- ii. At least an equivalent amount of work for other academic activities such as online instruction, laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work and other work that earns academic credit.

III. Units shall implement a process for assuring reliability and accuracy of assignment of credit hours across all activities earning academic credit.