

The University of the West Indies

DEFINITION OF CREDIT HOURS

For Noting

Subsequent to the last Board Meeting, the proposed definition of credit hours was refined and circulated to Deans and Directors at the Open Campus. The definition below is intended as a GUIDELINE for benchmarking The UWI degree internationally and may be used to assist course and programme designers in ensuring credit ratings are properly aligned to expected student workloads.

“ONE credit hour is equivalent to three notional hours of learning per week per semester. For purposes of determining student workload, three notional hours of learning may include:

- **ONE contact hour and TWO hours out-of-class student work per week per semester;**
 - **a minimum of TWO hours of supervised laboratory work per week per semester;**
 - **at least THREE hours of directed learning activities (including project work, research work, practicums and internships) undertaken by the student out of class per week per semester.**
- Revision conducted during the three-week formal examination period at the end of the Semester is subsumed in this definition on a pro-rata basis.”**