

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE**

**CREDIT HOUR, CONTACT HOUR, AND COURSE TYPES**



same rigor of assessment as if the course were delivered in an in-person format. See the Online and Hybrid Education Policy (02.01.35) for more details.

4) Laboratory Courses

All laboratory courses meet for a minimum of two *contact-hours* per week for

### 7) Internship Courses

Internship courses, other than those in the Colleges of Education and Nursing, will average at least 8 hours of internship work per week for an entire semester for three hours of credit. Internships in Education and Nursing are subject to other guidelines specified by state and federal agencies.

### 8) Study Abroad Courses

Study Abroad courses include both a lecture component and cultural experience/excursions. Study Abroad courses must adhere to the rigorous academic standards of any other course taught at UAH. Over the period of the course, the requirement is 15 *contact hours* or 45 *contact hours* of cultural experiences/excursions for each hour of credit awarded. Although the time periods of study abroad courses do not conform to the normal fifteen-week semester, this is the equivalent of one *contact-hour* per week of lecture and three *contact-hours* per week of experiences/excursions for one credit-hour awarded on a fifteen-week semester basis. The policy states that such class time may be comprised of instructional and learning activities in the classroom and/or instructional and learning activities that take place during site visits, cultural experiences, and excursions. Course syllabi must demonstrate that such site visits, cultural visits, and excursions have clear academic relevance for the course.

### 9) Ensemble

Music ensembles vary in size and scope from small coached chamber ensembles to large, conducted ensembles such as choirs, bands, and orchestras. Regardless of size, instrumentation, or genre, all music ensembles share a common mission to rehearse and perform throughout the semester. Large music ensemble courses meet for three *contact-hours* per week for one hour of credit while chamber ensembles meet for one *contact-hour* per week for 0.5 hour of credit.

### 10) Other

Any other type of class, including, but not limited to, thesis, dissertation, independent studies, research, special topics, validation, recitation, and practicum should meet the minimum thresholds for contact-hours as outlined in this policy in a manner appropriate for that course.

## **Review**

Academic Affairs will review the policy every five years or at an earlier time if needed.