

## **Policy on Number of Hours in a Semester and Interim Term**

The University of Scranton constructs its academic calendar in compliance with the minimum standards for class meeting time established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education.

### **Procedures**

The current Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines establish that a credit hour shall consist of 14 hours of classroom instruction per semester or term, exclusive of registration, final examinations, and holidays. For alternative instructional and delivery modes such as laboratory instruction, independent study, readers, thesis, clinical and practicum experience, telecommunication and web instruction, and special off-campus initiatives, a credit hour shall represent an instructional unit equivalent to a minimum of 14 hours of classroom instruction, exclusive of registration, final examinations, and holidays.

A semester shall consist of 14 weeks of instruction exclusive of registration, final examinations, and holidays. A special or compressed term shall meet a number of hours per credit equivalent to a semester but in a compressed or extended timeframe, as determined by the Registrar in consultation with the Provost.