

# ***Federal Compliance***

Dordt University

## **Undergraduate Program Credits**

All undergraduate credit at Dordt University is given in semester hours, and unless noted differently in the course description, will count toward graduation. Each semester hour requires one period per week of class work and approximately two hours per week of preparation.

	<b>Weekly Period</b>	<b>Preparation Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15-Week Semester Cumulative Hours</b>
<b>1-credit</b>	1	2	3	45
<b>2-credit</b>	2	4	6	90
<b>3-credit</b>	3	6	9	135
<b>4-credit</b>	4	8	12	180

When academic departments/programs propose new/revised courses or programs, they follow a process outlined on the curriculum change guide (found on Dordt's internal webpage) and complete a standard proposal for the undergraduate level Curriculum & Academic Policies Committee (CAPC) or the graduate level Graduate Studies Committee (GSC). Proposals require department/programs to specify credit hours for each proposed course. One resource that departments/programs use to ensure that course requirements are in line with proposed credit hours is Rice University's Course Workload Estimator: <https://cte.rice.edu/workload>. Both committees review proposals carefully to ensure that the credit hour policy is being followed.



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## Graduate Program Credits

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All graduate credit at Dordt University is given in semester hours, and unless noted differently in the course description, will count toward graduation.

A three-credit course offered during a 16-week semester requires 8-10 hours of student work per week.

A three-credit course offered during an 8-week summer term requires 15-20 hours of student work per week.

A three-credit course offered during a 7.5-week term requires 15-20 hours of student work per week.

A three-credit course offered during a 7-week term requires 19-24 hours per week.



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## Undergraduate Program Length

- Bachelor's Degree: 124 credit hours
- Associate's Degree: 60 credit hours

### *Undergraduate Degrees*

To complete an undergraduate degree in the standard amount of time, students must average 15 to 16 credits per semester. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per semester to be considered full-time.

	Bachelor's Degree		Associate's Degree	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Year 1	15	16	15	15
Year 2	16	15	15	15
Year 3	15	16		
Year 4	16	15		
	<b>124</b>		<b>60</b>	



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## Graduate Program Length

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- Masters of Education: 30-36 credit hours
- Masters of Public Administration: 36 credit hours
- Master's of Social Work: 36-60 credit hours

### ***Graduate Degrees***

All degree requirements must be completed within six years from the beginning of the first graduate coursework at Dordt University.

