

Carnegie Hour

Every Community College in the State is on the Carnegie Hour (required by Title V)

5 CCR § 55002.5

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55002.5

Barclays Official California Code of Regulations [Currentness](#)

Title 5. Education

Division 6. California Community Colleges

Chapter 6. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter 1. Programs, Courses and Classes

[Article 1.](#) Program, Course and Class Classification and Standards

[§ 55002.5. Credit Hour.](#)

(a) One credit hour of community college work (one unit of credit) requires a minimum of 48 hours of lecture, study, or laboratory work at colleges operating on the semester system or 33 hours of lecture, study or laboratory work at colleges operating on the quarter system.

(b) A course requiring 96 hours or more of lecture, study or laboratory work at colleges operating on the semester system or 66 hours or more of lecture, study, or laboratory work at colleges operating on the quarter system shall provide at least 2 units of credit.

(c) The amount of credit awarded shall be adjusted in proportion to the number of hours of lecture, study or laboratory work in half unit increments.

(d) A district may elect to adjust the amount of credit awarded in proportion to the number of hours of lecture, study or laboratory work in increments of less than one half unit.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Section 70901, Education Code.

Definitions

- Contact Hours
 - number of hours a faculty person is in class with students
- Credit Units / Units / Credit Hours
 - a measure describing coursework at institutions of higher learning

Carnegie Hour

- Defines the relationship between contact hours and units as follows:
 - 1 Unit = 1 contact hour per week (50 minutes plus 10 minutes passing time)
 - Minimum semester length is 16 weeks

Carnegie Hour in an 18 Week Semester

(PCC Prior to 2003-2004)

# of Units (all lecture courses)	# of Contact Hours per week	# of Contact Hours in an 18 week semester
1 unit	1 hour	18
2 units	2 hours	36
3 units	3 hours	54
4 units	4 hours	72
5 units	5 hours	90

2003-04

- PCC compressed its term from 18 weeks to 16 weeks
- However, the same amount of contact hours were maintained:

# of Units (all lecture courses)	# of Contact Hours per week	# of Contact Hours in the new 16 week semester
1 unit	1.1 hours	18
2 units	2.3 hours	36
3 units	3.4 hours	54
4 units	4.5 hours	72
5 units	5.6 hours	90

2003-04

- Compressing the term (18 to 16 weeks) and maintaining contact hours (1 unit = 18 hours) created irregular class durations for courses of varying units.

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Current Example from Spring 2013 Schedule

ENGL 100: 4 units (MW) Lecture Only	MATH 125: 4 units (MW) Lecture Only taught as a 5 unit class	PSYCH 1: 3 units (MW) Lecture Only
7:00-9:15am	1:20-4:00pm	7:15-8:50am
12:05-2:20pm	1:30-4:10pm	8:50-10:25am
2:30-4:45pm	4:00-6:40pm	12-1:35pm
3:45-6:00pm	7:00-9:40pm	1:35-3:10pm
4:05-6:20pm		3:30-5:20pm
6:00-8:15pm		
6:30-8:45pm		

As an illustration, I role played as a student who tested into English 100 and Math 125 who wanted to major in Psychology. This “imaginary” student needed to take all of his/her classes on Mondays and Wednesdays because he/she has work/family commitments on the other days. The above section time offerings lists the available times from the Spring 2013 online Schedule of Classes. The next seven slides show the different combinations that I could put together to take these classes.

11 hour 40 minute day
5 minute overlap between courses means student will
have to be on campus 2.5 hours later

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3:45-6:00pm	7:00-9:40pm	1:35-3:10pm
4:05-6:20pm		3:30-5:20pm
6:00-8:15pm		
6:30-8:45pm		

PSYCH 1 from 12-1:35 and MATH 125 from 1:30-4:10 overlap by 5 minutes, requiring the student to remain on campus an extra 2.5 hours.

9 hour and 50 minute day
 1 hour 40 minutes between first two classes
 1 hour 40 minutes between second two classes

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4:05-6:20pm		3:30-5:20pm
6:00-8:15pm		
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9 hour and 40 minute day
 55 minutes between first two classes
 2 hours and 15 minutes between second two classes

ENGL 100: 4 units (MW) Lecture Only	MATH 125: 4 units (MW) Lecture Only taught as a 5 unit class	PSYCH 1: 3 units (MW) Lecture Only
7:00-9:15am	1:20-4:00pm	7:15-8:50am
12:05-2:20pm	1:30-4:10pm	8:50-10:25am
2:30-4:45pm	4:00-6:40pm	12-1:35pm
3:45-6:00pm	7:00-9:40pm	1:35-3:10pm
4:05-6:20pm		3:30-5:20pm
6:00-8:15pm		
6:30-8:45pm		

Good schedule: 8 hour day
 35 minutes between first two classes
 1 hour between second two classes

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6:00-8:15pm		
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<p><u>9.5 hour day</u></p> <p>15 minute overlap between courses means student will have to be on campus 3 hours and 10 minutes later</p>		
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6:00-8:15pm		
6:30-8:45pm		

PSYCH 1 from 12-1:35 and MATH 125 from 1:20-4:00 overlap by 15 minutes, requiring the student to remain on campus an extra 3 hours and 10 minutes.

11 hour 35 minute day
 5 minute overlap between courses means student will
 have to be on campus 3 hours and 10 minutes later

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4:05-6:20pm		3:30-5:20pm
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PSYCH 1 from 12-1:35 and MATH 125 from 1:20-4:00 overlap by 15 minutes,
 requiring the student to remain on campus an extra 3 hours and 10 minutes.

12 hour 5 minute day
10 minute overlap causes to student to be on campus
an extra 3 hours and 45 minutes

ENGL 100: 4 units (MW) Lecture Only	MATH 125: 4 units (MW) Lecture Only taught as a 5 unit class	PSYCH 1: 3 units (MW) Lecture Only
7:00-9:15am	1:20-4:00pm	7:15-8:50am
12:05-2:20pm	1:30-4:10pm	8:50-10:25am
2:30-4:45pm	4:00-6:40pm	12-1:35pm
3:45-6:00pm	7:00-9:40pm	1:35-3:10pm
4:05-6:20pm		3:30-5:20pm
6:00-8:15pm		
6:30-8:45pm		

ENGL 100 from 6:30-8:45 and MATH 125 from 6:30-8:45 overlap by 10 minutes, requiring the student to remain on campus an extra 3 hours and 45 minutes.

Example from an expanded term

(courses begin and end on the hour and half hour)

3 unit Lecture MW (1.5 hours a meeting)	4 unit Lecture MW (2 hours a meeting)	5 unit lecture MW (2.5 hours a meeting)
7:30-9:00am	7:00-9:00am	7:00-9:30am
8:00-9:30am	8:00-10:00am	8:30-11:00am
8:30-10:00am	9:00-11:00am	10:00am-12:30pm
9:00-10:30am	9:30-11:30am	10:30am-1:00pm
1:00-2:30pm	1:00-3:00pm	1:00-3:30pm
1:30-3:00pm	2:30-4:30pm	2:30-5:00pm
2:00-3:30pm	3:00-5:00pm	3:00-5:30pm
3:30-5:00pm	3:30-5:30pm	3:30-6:00pm
5:00-6:30pm	6:00-8:00pm	5:00-7:30pm
5:30-7:00pm	7:00-9:00pm	6:30-9:00pm

The times listed above represent potential slots in which courses could be programmed. Going to an expanded term would allow for courses to begin on the hour or half hour. This would allow students to put together schedules with drastically reduced wait times in between each course.

Would I only be able to teach 50 minute courses?

- No
- For example, a 3 unit lecture course with 3 contact hours per week could be offered:
 - Once a week for 3 hours
 - Twice a week for 1.5 hours
 - 3 times a week for 50 minutes
- The number of times a course meets in a week is flexible, as it is now.

Would extending the term reduce my vacation time?

- This is likely, though the exact amount would not be known until the specific calendar was created.

Exactly how long would an
expanded term be?

- This varies.

Length of Terms throughout the CCC System

- 112 California Community Colleges
 - 39 on compressed calendars 16 to 16.7 weeks
 - 2 colleges on quarter system
 - 71 on 17 to 17.5 weeks

Would I have to teach Mon-Fri?

- No, it would still be possible to put together teaching schedules that do not require teaching on five days.