

### ***CS 3.4.6 - Practices for Awarding Credit***

The institution employs sound and acceptable practices for determining the amount and level of credit awarded for courses, regardless of format or mode of delivery. (Practices for awarding credit)

#### **Compliance Finding: In Compliance**

##### **Narrative:**

The credit value of each course at the University of South Carolina Beaufort is usually determined by the amount of formal instructional time per week for one semester. At least 700 minutes of instruction (and at least twice that for laboratory time) can be expected per credit hour. The semester hour credit for each course is included in each course description [\[i\]](#).

This policy, rooted in the Carnegie Unit, is standard within the USC system and is the norm at institutions on the semester system throughout the United States. Seminar courses, distance education courses, internet courses, internships, field classes, and other courses which do not share the traditional lecture/laboratory format require the same number of contact or instructional hours described above for traditional lecture/laboratory classes.

##### **Supporting Documentation**

[i Letter](#)