

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5.C

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Incremental Credit in Variable Credit Courses

During the May 2014 meeting, AAC discussed a request to use .5 credit hour increments for courses where variable credit is available (788, 798, and 898D project, thesis and dissertation credit respectively). Data from the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 terms was assessed to evaluate the extent that institutions are already using this approach, and it was evident that a small subset of courses at SDSM&T and SDSU were using incremental credit. AAC agreed that this practice should be terminated, and BOR staff indicated it would further assess the use of this practice across the system and propose a set of guidelines to outline that course credit offered in the system would occur at the full unit level.

Attachment I provides the full list of courses that have used this approach over the past few years, and the following addition to the [Common Course Guidelines](#) is proposed for AAC consideration. AAC representatives should be prepared to discuss the impact on their existing courses and the proposed guideline language presented below.

Board Policy [2:32 Definition and Assignment of Credit Hours](#) establishes the credit hour as the unit by which institutions measure course work, and aligns the credit hour to the amount of time, intensity of the educational experience, and outside preparation necessary. Under this framework the number of hours can vary based on the course type, but the standard level of measurement for all courses must occur at the full unit level (i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4 credit hours) in the Regental system. Incremental or half-unit credit hour assignments are not allowed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discussion and Recommendation.

Table 1: Half Credit Sections by Institution

	name	univ	
		M	S
	ART 110 First Review	.	3
ART 200 Portfolio Rev Jury Stu Progr		.	3
	ART 400 Senior Review	.	3
	CBE 790 Seminar	2	.
	CBE 890 Seminar	2	.
	CHEM 290 Seminar	2	.
	CHEM 490 Seminar	2	.
	CSC 790 Seminar	1	.
	EE 311 Systems	2	.
	EE 312 Signals	2	.
	PS 490 Seminar	.	2
	PS 494 Internship	.	1
	Total	13	12

Table 2: Half Credit Sections by Institution

univ	N(person~d)	sum(person~d)
M	13	148
S	12	215
Total	25	363

Table 3: Half Credit Sections by Credit Increment

regi_hrs	N(person~d)	sum(person~d)
.5	21	286
3.5	4	77
Total	25	363

Table 4: Half Credit Sections by Section Name

	name	N(person~d)	sum(person~d)
	ART 110 First Review	3	77
ART 200 Portfolio Rev Jury Stu Progr		3	43
	ART 400 Senior Review	3	37
	CBE 790 Seminar	2	10
	CBE 890 Seminar	2	10
	CHEM 290 Seminar	2	30
	CHEM 490 Seminar	2	14
	CSC 790 Seminar	1	7
	EE 311 Systems	2	44
	EE 312 Signals	2	33
	PS 490 Seminar	2	55
	PS 494 Internship	1	3
	Total	25	363

Prefix + number	Course Title	Min Cred	Max Cred	Increment	UNQ or COM	University
ED-653	Seminar in Indian Education	1	3		UNQ	BHSU
ED-756	Reading Practicum	3	6		UNQ	BHSU
ED-790	Seminar	1	6		UNQ	BHSU
RESR-498	Undergraduate Research/Scholarship	1	3		UNQ	BHSU
SCI-494	Internship	1	16		UNQ	BHSU
FL-391	Independent Study	1	6		UNQ	BHSU
TECH-491	Independent Study	1	3		UNQ	BHSU
TECH-494	Internship	1	6		UNQ	BHSU
HMS-494	Internship	1	6		UNQ	BHSU
MUEN-131	Small Vocal Ensemble	0	1		UNQ	BHSU
MUEN-331	Small Vocal Ensemble	0	1		UNQ	BHSU
OE-494	Internship	1	12		UNQ	BHSU
THM-291	Independent Study	1	3		UNQ	BHSU
ED-791	Independent Study	1	3		UNQ	BHSU
ED-281	Educational Travel	1	3		UNQ	DSU
HIST-100	History Electives	1	10		UNQ	DSU
HIST-200	History Electives	1	10		UNQ	DSU
HIST-300	History Electives	1	10		UNQ	DSU
HIST-400	History Electives	1	10		UNQ	DSU
ELRN-494	Internship	1	3		UNQ	NSU
CBE-450	Systems Analys Applied to CHE	2	3		UNQ	SDSMT
ENVE-390	Seminar	0	1		COM	SDSMT
IS-692	Topics	0.5	3	0.5	COM	SDSMT
CHEM-290	Seminar			0.5	COM	SDSMT
CBE-890	Seminar			0.5	COM	SDSMT
CBE-790	Seminar			0.5	COM	SDSMT
PS-490	Seminar	0.5	1	0.5	COM	SDSU
PS-494	Internship	0.5	2	0.5	UNQ	SDSU
ART-110	First Review			0.5	UNQ	SDSU
ART-200	Portfolio Review Jury on Student			0.5	UNQ	SDSU
ART-400	Senior Review			0.5	UNQ	SDSU
PSYC-888	Predoct Research Prob in Psyc	1	15		UNQ	USD
PE-100	Activity Courses	0.5	1	0.5	COM	BHSU, SDSMT, NSU, SDSU, USD
CSC-790	Seminar	0.5	3	0.5	COM	SDSMT ,SDSU, USD, DSU
PE-192	Topics	0.5	3	0.5	COM	SDSU, NSU