

**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
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Minimum Length for Academic Courses. For one semester hour of credit, a class shall meet a minimum of 750 minutes and span no less than a work week. For two semester hours of credit, a class should meet a minimum of 1,500 minutes and span no less than two work weeks. A three semester hour course should meet a minimum of 2,250 minutes and span no less than three work weeks. Final exam period may be counted as class time when computing required minutes and required days.

Summer Sessions. The Board authorizes each institution under its jurisdiction to carry out summer programs of varying length.