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AP 4020 PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

References:

Title 5 Sections 51021, 55000 et seq., and 55100 et seq. ;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 600.2 ;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A;
U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal
Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act
of 1965, as amended.

For purposes of federal financial aid eligibility, a “credit hour” shall be not less than:

- One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately 16 weeks for one semester or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- At least an equivalent amount of work as required in the paragraph above, of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

Pursuant to 34 CFR § 600.2 clock hour is a period of time consisting of:

- (1) A 50 to 60 minute class, lecture, or recitation in a 60-minute period; or
- (2) A 50- to 60-minute faculty-supervised laboratory, shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period.