



GENERAL FORMULA FOR CONVERTING CREDITS

If you are transferring from another college or university, this will serve will serve as a chart for helping you to understand how your credits will transfer and, if necessary, convert. This will also be useful for those attending college/university for the first time and who reside outside of the United States of America.

Convert quarter credits to semester credits:

Divide quarter credits by 1.5.

Examples: 3 quarter credits $4 \div 1.5 = 2$ semester credits

5 quarter credits $4 \div 1.5 = 3.3$ semester credits

180 quarter credits are equal to 120 semester credits ($180 \div 1.5 = 120$)

Convert semester credits to quarter credits:

Multiply semester credits by 1.5.

Examples: 2 semester credits $\times 1.5 = 3$ quarter credits

3 semester credits $\times 1.5 = 4.5$ quarter credits

60 semester credits equal 90 quarter credits ($60 \times 1.5 = 90$)

Three academic quarters equal two academic semesters. This 3 to 2 ratio can also be expressed as $1.5=1$, giving us the formulas for conversion listed above.

Semester system - RNU uses this method:

15 credit hours per semester $\times 2$ semesters per year = 30 credits per year.

A two -year program equals approximately 60 credits; a four-year baccalaureate equals approximately 120 credits.

Quarter system:

15 credit hours per quarter $\times 3$ quarters per year = 45 credits per year.

A two-year program equals approximately 90 credits; a four-year baccalaureate equals approximately 180 credits.

Classroom hours:

There are many variations on classroom scheduling; the following are only for illustration.

Semesters: Generally, students attend a single class 3 hours per week (e.g. Monday/Wednesday/Friday one hour per day, or Tuesday/Thursday 1.5 hours per day) to earn 3 credits. Each student takes about 5 classes each semester to equal 15 credits.

Quarters: Students generally attend a single class one hour per day, five days a week, or two classes, 2.5 hours per week to earn 5 credits. Each student takes about 3 classes each quarter to equal 15 credits.

Generally, a 5-credit quarter course will satisfy a 3-credit semester course requirement, and a 3-credit semester course will satisfy a five credit quarter class requirement (even though it transfer as 4.5 credits.) You should be aware that, in rare cases, once this mathematical formula is applied to your credits in transfer, you may be short a few credits in overall requirements for graduation. Check with your adviser or registrar to verify your courses will satisfy degree requirements and if you will be required to take additional courses.

Students Not Native Born to the United States

RNU recognizes and acknowledges various institutions of higher learning in other nations use different formulas than those which we employ. Please note we defer to the explanation given by the US Dept, of Homeland Security: refers to the number of credits a student receives for enrolling in (and successfully completing) a given course. ... Credit hours do not directly reflect the total number of hours per week a student spends in class and instead reflect each course's workload." (studyinthestates.dhs.gov)