

Credit Assignment and Program Length Policies

Assignment of credit

Appalachian Bible College functions on a typical semester system (15-16 weeks) and uses the semester hour as the basic unit of credit. The semester credits assigned to courses are based on the specific learning objectives and the expected outcomes. In the most common type of course (lecture/discussion), one credit requires at least 750 minutes in class. According to ABC's policies, catalog, and class syllabi, ABC assigns credits following HLC standards and can document compliance with such instruments. Most credit hours are systematically assigned based on the number of class hours in a week as well as the load estimate out of the classroom (e.g., a 3-credit-hour-class meets three hours per week for fifteen weeks [50 min. x 3 days x 15 weeks = 2,250 min.).

During a 15-week semester, a student must take at least twelve credits to be considered full-time, and a course load of up to nineteen credits may be taken without special approval. A student may enroll in more than nineteen credits in either session if the student procures permission from the Vice President for Academics. An additional three credits of student teaching, internship, or other on-the-job credit may also be taken.

Program length

ABC's program length is also systematically laid out based on the program of study chosen by the student. The minimum required credits for each program:

- One Year Certificate - 30 credit hours
- Associate of Arts - 60 credit hours
- Bachelor of Arts - 120 credit hours
- Master of Arts - 36 credit hours

Some programs may require more credits depending on the student's chosen program and emphasis or second Major.

Tuition

ABC's tuition is consistent across all undergraduate degree programs (BC, AA, BA). The only difference is whether the student is enrolled full-time or part-time. However, an additional hourly fee applies to full-time students with more than 19 credits. The Master of Arts tuition is a flat rate per credit hour taken.