§ 21.4270 Measurement of courses.

(a) Measurement of trade, technical, and high school courses. Trade, technical, high school, and high school preparatory courses shall be measured as stated in this paragraph.

(1) Trade and technical courses. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, if shop practice is an integral part of a trade or technical course not leading to a standard college degree—

(A) A full-time enrollment is 22 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study) with not more than 2½ hours rest period allowance;

(B) A three-quarter-time enrollment is 16 through 21 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study) with not more than 2 hours rest period allowance;

(2) Measurement of high school courses. A high school course shall be measured as stated in this paragraph.

(i) A full-time enrollment is 22 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study) with not more than 2 hours rest period allowance;

(ii) A three-quarter-time enrollment is 16 through 21 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study) with not more than 2 hours rest period allowance.
(C) A one-half-time enrollment is 11 through 15 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study) with not more than 1½ hours rest period allowance;

(D) A less than one-half-time but more than one-quarter-time enrollment is 6 through 10 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study) with not more than 3⁄4 hour rest period allowance; and

(E) A quarter-time enrollment is 1 through 5 clock hours per week (exclusive of supervised study).

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, if theory and class instruction constitute more than 50 percent of the required hours in a trade or technical course not leading to a standard college degree, enrollments will be measured as follows. In measuring net instruction there will be included customary intervals not to exceed 10 minutes between classes. Shop practice and rest periods are excluded. Supervised instruction periods in a school’s shops and the time involved in field trips and group instruction may be included in computing the clock hour requirements.

(A) A full-time enrollment is 18 clock hours net instruction per week (exclusive of supervised study);

(B) A three-quarter-time enrollment is 13 through 17 clock hours net instruction per week (exclusive of supervised study);

(C) A one-half-time enrollment is 9 through 12 clock hours net instruction per week (exclusive of supervised study);

(D) A less than one-half-time but more than one-quarter-time enrollment is 5 through 8 clock hours net instruction per week (exclusive of supervised study);

(E) A quarter-time enrollment is 1 through 4 clock hours net instruction per week.

(3) Elementary school. For a high school preparatory course pursued at the elementary school level—

(i) A full-time enrollment is 18 clock hours net instruction per week;

(ii) A three-quarter-time enrollment is 13 through 17 clock hours net instruction per week;

(iii) A one-half-time enrollment is 9 through 12 clock hours net instruction per week;

(iv) A less than one-half-time but more than one-quarter-time enrollment is 5 through 8 clock hours net instruction per week; and

(v) A one-quarter-time enrollment is 1 through 4 clock hours per week.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3688(a))

(b) Measurement of non-college degree courses offered by institutions of higher learning. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, if a student is enrolled in a course which is not leading to a standard college degree and which is offered by an institution of higher learning, VA will measure his or her enrollment in the same manner as collegiate undergraduate courses are measured according to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, if a student is enrolled in a course not leading to a standard college degree which
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is offered on a standard quarter- or semester-hour basis by an educational institution which is not an institution of higher learning. VA shall measure his or her enrollment in the same manner as collegiate undergraduate courses are measured according to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section, provided that the educational institution requires at least the same minimum number of hours of weekly attendance as are required in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, VA will not apply the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section, but will measure the course according to the criteria in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3688(a)(7))

(c) Undergraduate, graduate, professional, and on-the-job training courses. Collegiate graduate, professional and on-the-job training courses shall be measured as stated in this table. This shall be used for measurement of collegiate undergraduate courses subject to all the measurement criteria of §21.4272. Clock hours and sessions mentioned in this table mean clock hours and class sessions per week.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3482, 3532, 3677, 3687, 3688)

| COURSES |
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| Kind of school | Kind of course | Full time | ¾ time | ½ time | Less than ¼ more than ½ time | ¼ time or less |
| Collegiate undergraduate. | Standard collegiate courses including co-operative and external degree programs | 14 semester hours or equivalent | 10 through 13 semester hours or equivalent. | 7 through 9 semester hours or equivalent. | 4 through 6 semester hours or equivalent. | 1 through 3 semester hours or equivalent. |
| Collegiate graduate. | Standard collegiate graduate courses including law and external degree programs | 14 semester hours or equivalent or as certified by a responsible official of the school | 10 through 13 semester hours or as certified by a responsible official of the school. | 7 through 9 semester hours as certified by a responsible official of the school. | 4 through 6 semester hours as certified by a responsible official of the school. | 1 through 3 semester hours or as certified by a responsible official of the school. |
| Professional non-accredited. | Law only | 12 class sessions per week. | 9 through 11 class sessions per week. | 6 through 8 class sessions per week. | 4 through 5 class sessions per week. | 1 through 3 class sessions per week. |
| Professional accredited and equivalent. | Internships and residencies: Medical, Dental, Osteopathic. Nursing, X-ray, medical technology, medical records librarian, physical therapy. | As established by accrediting association. | As established by accrediting association or entity offering the internship or residency. | As established by accrediting association or entity offering the internship or residency. | As established by accrediting association or entity offering the internship or residency. | As established by accrediting association or entity offering the internship or residency. |
| Training establishment. | Apprentice or other on-the-job | Standard workweek. | Full time only | | | |
| Agricultural | Farm Cooperative | 10 clock hours net instruction. | 7 clock hours net instruction. | 5 clock hours net instruction. | | No provision. |

1 Cooperative courses may be measured on a full-time basis only.
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2When the institution certifies that all undergraduate students enrolled for a minimum of 12 or 13 semester hours or the equivalent are charged full-time tuition, or considered full time for other administrative purposes, such minimum hours will establish the criteria for full-time measurement. When 12 hours is properly certified as full time, VA will measure 9 through 11 hours as ¾ time, 6 through 8 hours as ½ time, 4 through 5 hours as less than ½ time, and more than ¼ time, and 1 through 3 hours as 1/4 time or less. VA will measure all other undergraduate courses as indicated in the table for undergraduate or professional courses, as appropriate, but when 13 credit hours or the equivalent is certified as full time, ¼ time will be 10 through 12 hours. When, in accordance with §21.4273(a), a responsible official of a school certifies that a lesser number of hours constitute full time, ¼ time, ½ time, less than ½ time and more than ¼ time, or ¼ time or less, VA will accept the certification for measurement purposes.

3VA will measure a degree course on a credit-hour basis when—

(a) Degree courses—accredited or candidate. VA will measure a degree course on a credit-hour basis when—

(i) That credits have been accepted toward the requirements for a baccalaureate or higher degree, which is granted by the school offering the degree under authority specifically conferred by a State education agency, and

(ii) That credits have been accepted toward the requirements for a baccalaureate or higher degree for at least three students within the last 5 years, and that

(b) Degree courses—nonaccredited. VA will measure a degree course on a credit-hour basis a degree course which does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section when—

(i) The course is offered on a semester- or quarter-hour basis, and

(ii) The course leads to an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree, which is granted by the school offering the degree under authority specifically conferred by a State education agency, and

(iii) Is being pursued by a nonmatriculated student as provided in §21.4252(1)(1), (2) or (3).

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