

Credit Hour Assignment Policy

Bank Street Graduate School of Education degree and certificate programs are approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The GSE's credit hour calculations for degree and certificate programs follow NYSED guidelines, which are based on the U.S. Department of Education's definition of credit hour.

NYSED – Credit Hour Definition

All courses and degree programs at Bank Street Graduate School of Education comply with Section 50.1 (o) of the New York State Commissioner of Education Regulations:

(o) Semester hour means a credit, point, or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of a course which requires at least 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments, except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 52.2(c)(4) of this Subchapter. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of study in relation to the credit granted for study during the two semesters that comprise an academic year. (Source: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/ocue/50.1.htm>)

Academic period

4 semester academic year with 14 sessions over 15 calendar weeks in the fall and spring and two summer semesters each of approximately 5 weeks in duration.

Recommended instructional time

For the fall and spring semesters:

- 3-credit courses meet for 120 minutes of face to face instructional time each week, plus 9.5 hours of out-of-class **instructional** time (separate from out-of-class course assignments) adding up to a total of 2,250 minutes in keeping with New York State Education Department (NYSED) requirements.
- 2-credit courses- 120 minutes of face to face time each week for 14 weeks for a total of 1,680 minutes.
- 1-credit courses- 125 minutes of face to face time each week for 6 sessions or 150 minutes of face to face time for 5 sessions for a total of 750 minutes.

For the summer I and summer II semesters:

- 3-credit courses – typically meet twice a week for approximately 5 weeks for 3.5 hours but regardless of individual course configuration, all total 2,250 minutes in keeping with NYSED requirements.
- 2-credit courses- typically meet twice a week for approximately 4 weeks for 3.5 hours but regardless of individual course configuration, all total 1,680 minutes.
- 1-credit courses- typically meet twice a week for approximately 4 weeks for 2.5 hours but regardless of individual course configuration, all total 750 minutes.

Recommended out-of-class (assignment) time requirements

In keeping with NYSED requirements, out of class assignments require twice the number of instructional hours required for each course.