

## **Policy on Condensed Format Courses (Graduate)**

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### **Current Language**

A condensed format course is any course that meets the normal number of hours per credit but which meets in a shorter time frame than one week per credit granted. The number of contact hours needed to earn a credit in a condensed format course minimally must comply with the contact standards set down by national undergraduate and graduate accrediting agencies. No more than two courses designated as "condensed format" may count toward a graduate degree.

### **Recommended Change**

Delete

### **Rationale:**

The curriculum review process under CAPC provides a mechanism to ensure that course syllabi are appropriate for the number of credits awarded. With the increased use of the internet and web-based courses, hybrid courses using Blackboard or other similar courseware packages, accelerated format courses (i.e., 7 week or 10 week courses, and other possible course delivery methods, this policy is now obsolete. The restriction on the number of credits that may be counted towards a graduate degree does not acknowledge the learner's responsibility and ability to learn in varied formats.