Courses: Hours and Preparation
Extracted from the SDSU Senate Policy (August 31, 2023)

1.0 A course shall meet for the required number of hours and shall offer an opportunity to prepare, to study, and to cogitate for the required hours, as stated in the General Catalog.

2.0 A unit credit hour shall represent 50 minutes of lecture or recitation combined with two hours of preparation per week throughout one semester of 15 weeks. Two credit hours of activity (e.g., in Exercise and Nutritional Sciences) or three credit hours of laboratory (e.g., in Physics) shall be considered equivalent to one credit hour of lecture.

3.0 A course offered in a term of less than 15 weeks shall contain the same contact hours, preparation time, content, and requirements as the same course offered over a 15-week semester.

4.0 The approval of the department, school, or program and of the college dean shall be required to schedule all short-term or weekend courses.

5.0 One-unit courses scheduled on consecutive days shall not be scheduled for less than four consecutive calendar days.