

Undergraduate Credit Hour Policy

Since 1962, Hanover College has used the “Hanover Unit” as the means to measure academic credit and progress to completion of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. As stated on page 19 of the 2019-2020 Academic Catalog, “for purposes of transferring a Hanover course to another institution, the official conversion rate is 1 unit = 4 semester hours or 6 quarter hours.” A BA or BS from Hanover requires a minimum of 36 Hanover Units.

A Hanover Unit consists of a minimum of 3.5 contact hours (classroom and/or lab) per week over 13-week terms in Fall and Winter (approx. 45.5 contact hours) plus a 3-hour final exam period. During the College’s 4-week Spring Term, students meet daily (20 class days) for at least 2.25 contact hours per day.

The undergraduate faculty have a general expectation that students will study for 2 hours for every hour of classroom/lab contact.

During the Summer Sessions, online courses have similar workload expectations.