



Icahn
School of
Medicine at
Mount
Sinai

**Assignment of Credit Hours at the Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai**

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai utilizes the Carnegie Unit as a measure of academic credit, in compliance with the United States Department of Education definition of a credit hour as “an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement.” (<http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/attachments/GEN1106.pdf>).

Additionally, the School adheres to the NY State Department of Education (NYSED) semester hour definition:

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 the Commissioner’s Regulations Concerning Program Registration.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences faculty is responsible for all certificate, master’s, and PhD degree program curriculum.

[Credit Hour Definition](#)

Lectures, Seminars, Courses, Assessments

One credit hour is earned for 15, 1-hour sessions of lecture or classroom-based instruction, with the expectation of an additional 2 hours of associated directed learning. A typical 3 credit hour course meets for a total of 45 hours over a 15 week semester or 12 week trimester.

Laboratory Rotation, Research Course, Independent Research

One credit hour is earned for each 45 hours of academic research activity.

The Medical Education Program

The Medical Education Program faculty is responsible for the MD degree program curriculum.

[Credit Hour Definition](#)

Course Contact Hours (Lectures, Seminars, Workshops, Clinical Rotations, Laboratory Sessions, Assessments)

One credit hour is earned for 30 contact hours within a course, with the expectation of an additional 45 hours of associated directed learning.