

15-18.2-02. Weighted credit-hours - Determination - Instructional program classification factors - Submission to legislative management.

1. In order to determine the weighted credit-hours for each institution under its control, the state board of higher education shall multiply each of an institution's completed credit-hours, as determined under section 15-18.2-01, by an instructional program classification factor, as set forth in this section.
 - a. The factors for credits completed in agriculture are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - b. The factors for credits completed in architecture are:
 - (1) 1.8 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.6 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.4 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.2 for graduate level credits.
 - c. The factors for credits completed in aviation are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - d. The factors for credits completed in the biological and physical sciences are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - e. The factors for credits completed in business are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - f. The factors for credits completed in education are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - g. The factors for credits completed in engineering are:
 - (1) 2.5 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 5.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 7.5 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 10.0 for graduate level credits.
 - h. The factors for credits completed in the health sciences are:
 - (1) 3.0 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 6.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 9.0 for professional level credits;
 - (4) 12.0 for graduate level credits; and
 - (5) 38.0 for medical school credits.
 - i. The factors for credits completed in legal studies are:
 - (1) 3.5 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 7.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 10.5 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 14.0 for graduate level credits.
 - j. The factors for credits completed in the core disciplines are:
 - (1) 1.0 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 2.0 for upper division credits;

- (3) 3.0 for professional level credits; and
- (4) 4.0 for graduate level credits.
- k. The factor for credits completed in career and technical education is 2.0.
- l. The factor for completed remedial credits is 2.3.
- 2. a. The state board of higher education shall ensure that all delineations in this section reflect the requirements of a nationally recognized and standardized instructional program classification system.
- b. Before adopting any changes to the delineations implemented in accordance with this section, the state board of higher education shall present the proposed changes to and receive the approval of the legislative management.