Name of Policy: Credit Hour Policy
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Policy:

1. 3-Credit Hour Courses - a 3-credit hour Liberal arts course meets three hours weekly (45 semester hours), while a 3-credit hour studio course meets six hours weekly (90 semester hours). Graphic Design, Illustration and Interactive Arts have 3-credit hour major studio courses, while all studio majors have 3-credit hour studio electives and these courses meet for six contact hours per week. They meet for three hours, two days per week.

2. 6-Credit Hour Courses - many of the studio majors require students to complete one 6-credit hour major studio course each semester in which students are expected to actively create within their discipline. These courses are typically scheduled to meet for six hours twice a week and incorporate lecture, discussion, critique and studio time.
   a. Animation studio
   b. Ceramics studio
   c. Fiber studio
   d. Film studio
   e. Painting studio
   f. Photo studio
   g. Printmaking studio
   h. Sculpture studio

3. 9-Credit hour Course - the Freshman Foundation course meets for four hours four times a week Monday through Thursday and an additional two hour Friday meeting time is reserved for visiting lecturers, woodshop orientation and demonstrations. The Foundation program is the first year of the undergraduate curriculum that brings freshman and transfer students into broad-based, studio-intensive investigations in perceptual and intellectual studies. Students are exposed to all disciplines offered at KCAI and by the end of their Foundation (Freshman) year, they select their studio major.

4. Other Courses:

- KCASE - students are eligible to take courses at local consortium exchange schools such as the University of Missouri-Kansas City for no additional tuition. Once an academic advisor approves the courses, they are entered as equivalent course work and credit hours on the students' KCAI transcript with the code KCASE.
- MOBILITY - students are eligible to enroll for a semester at an approved AICAD school or KCAI international exchange partner. Once an academic advisor approves the courses, they are entered as equivalent course work and credit hours on the student's KCAI transcript with the code MOBL.