

Red Lake Nation College

Credit Hour



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Definition of a Credit Hour

Red Lake Nation College utilizes the semester system. Semester credits are earned for the completion of a course covering one semester (15 weeks). Each course the college offers has a determined number of credit hours assigned to it. A course credit can range from one-five credits. One credit hour is defined as three (3) hours of student commitment per week. It has been established that a student will meet a minimum of 50 minutes per week in a face-to-face one-credit course. The total student commitment can consist of lectures, labs, field work, service learning, research, study groups or individual study time. Students should set aside three hours a week per credit hour to successfully complete the student learning outcomes for the course and the assigned course work including lectures. Students enrolled in online and hybrid (combination of face-to-face and online) courses should expect the same time commitment of three hours per week per credit, while realizing that the lecture time may be greatly reduced. For example, a student enrolled in any combination of 15 credit hours at Red Lake Nation College should expect to set aside 45 hours of time for successful course completion.

[\(Reference the catalog\)](#)

Procedure

The Office of Academic Affairs develops the Academic Calendars and course schedules. Academic calendars are reviewed by other administrative team members and faculty members to ensure all courses, regardless of days/times, meet the required number of credit hours. In the event the campus is closed for weather-related events or other emergencies, all courses are held online either synchronously or asynchronously to ensure all credit hours are met. Instructions for campus closures are posted by faculty in the Announcement section of the Canvas LMS for each course and/or emailed through student RLNC accounts. Syllabi reviews and Canvas checks are conducted every semester by the Curriculum Committee and audited by the Office of Academic Affairs.

[\(Course syllabi, Canvas page checks\)](#)

Associate Degrees

All candidates for associate degrees must meet the minimum requirements summarized below. For the specific requirements of each degree program, consult the appropriate section of the RLNC Catalog

[\(RLNC CATALOG/ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS\)](#)

Summary of Graduation Requirements for Associate Degrees

Credit Requirements

A.A. Liberal Education 62-64 credits

A.A.S. Social and Behavioral Sciences 66 credits (started Fall 2015 and deactivated 2021 for substantive change)

Curricular Requirements

Red Lake Nation College follows the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum to ensure the ease of student transfer to other institutions. This requires students to earn a number of credits in each goal area. RLNC also requires culturally-specific courses in addition to general education in order to achieve the mission of the college.

Core Requirements (25 credits)

ANSH 1100 Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies 3 credits

ANSH 1300 Anishinaabe Nutrition and Fitness 2 credits

OJIB 1100 Ojibwemowin I 4 credits

OJIB 1200 Ojibwemowin II 4 credits

BIOL 1100 Introduction to Biology I 4 credits

ENGL 1100 Composition 3 credits

SPCH 1100 Speech and Communications 3 credits

FYEX First Year Experience 1 credit

EPOR ePortfolio 1 credit

General Education Requirements (33-35 credits)

Goal 1: Communication 3 credits

Goal 2: Critical Thinking *satisfied in other goal areas

Goal 3: Natural Sciences 3-4 credits

Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning 3-4 credits

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences 6 credits

Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts 6 credits

Goal 7: Human Diversity 3 credits

Goal 8: Global Perspective 3 credits

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility 3 credits

Goal 10: People and the Environment 3 credits

Electives and Specialization Courses (4-6 credits)

Varies by degree program

Academic Status

The number of credit hours for which a student is officially registered during a semester determines the student's enrollment status. Following is the enrollment status listing for Fall and Spring Semesters:

- Full-time – 12 or more credit hours
- Three-quarter time - 9-11 credits
- Half-time - 6-8 credits
- Part-time (less than half-time – 1-5 credits)

For academic purposes, students should note that an average of 16 credits must be completed in each semester for four semesters if a 64-credit degree is to be completed in two years (4 semesters) of enrollment. To register for 18 or more credits, the student must apply through the Registrar's Office and obtain approval from the Dean of Academic Affairs.

When summer sessions are held, the semester credits earned may be applied toward the fulfillment of a student's degree requirements. Students are generally limited to two courses or 6-7 credits during the summer session due to the faster pace. Heavier credit loads are evaluated on a case by case basis.

(APPENDIX A - RLNC CATALOG/ACADEMIC STATUS)