

University of St. Thomas Policies

CLASSIFICATION - UNDERGRADUATE

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SCOPE

All Undergraduate Students.

PURPOSE

To define the number of hours required to be classified a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.

DEFINITIONS

A. Course Numbers:

Courses are identified by subjects and four-digit numbers. The first digit indicates the level of a course. A "1" indicates first-year or entry level, while "3" and "4" indicate upper-division and typically presume prior completion of courses beginning with "1" or "2." The second digit indicates the number of credit hours earned for successful completion of the course. The final two digits indicate the departmental sequence. Thus, Chemistry 1341 is a first-year chemistry course carrying 3 credit hours, and Chemistry 1141 is a first-year course carrying 1 credit hour. These two courses are lecture and lab for first-year General Chemistry and together total 4 credit hours.

B. Credit Hours

The unit of measurement for academic work is the credit hour, representing fifty minutes of class lecture or contact time per week for one semester. Two to four laboratory clock hours are usually required for earning 1 credit hour in a laboratory course.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

01. Classification

A student's classification is based on the total number of credit hours successfully completed: freshman, 0 through 29 hours; sophomore, 30 through 59 hours; junior, 60 through 89 hours; senior, 90 hours and above.

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