

How to Calculate Equivalent Credit Hours:

Step 1: Determine the equivalent credit hours:

For a semester hour school use: $18 \times \text{credits/weeks in session}$.

NOTE: for weeks in term the VA uses actual calendar days divided by 7. Round up for .5 or higher.

EX: If enrolled in 3 semester hours during a summer session from 6/12/13 to 7/15/13 (34 days) and 12 credits are full time over a standard term:

$34 \text{ days} / 7 = 4.85$ or 5 weeks.

$18 \times 3 \text{ cr} = 54$

$54 / 5 \text{ weeks} = 10.8$ equivalent credits (if this number is greater than 6 the student is entitled to BAH)

That means 3 semester hours over a 5 week session are equivalent to 10 credits over a standard term.

Step 2: Determine the Rate of Pursuit by dividing the equivalent credit figure by the full time rate over a standard term:

$10 \text{ equivalent credits} / 12 = .83$ or the student will get 83% BAH.

NOTE: If sessions overlap the VA will add the equivalent credits together to determine the Rate of Pursuit during the overlapping period.

TIP: if a term length is equivalent to or shorter than the number of credits it is full time. For ex: 3 credits over a 3 week or shorter term is FT, and 4 credits over a 4 week term is FT.