

CREDIT SYSTEM

In Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso one credit means the complete dedication of 3 academic hours¹ per week for one course, including classes and personal study. Courses may have 2, 3, 4 or more credits.

1. TWO CREDITS COURSES

Two credits mean the dedication of 6 academic hours a week to a course.

Usually the course has 2 hours of classes; the student is expected to spend 4 hours on study, research, homework, etc.

2. THREE CREDITS COURSES

Three credits mean the dedication of 9 academic hours a week to a course.

Usually 4 contact hours with the professor and 5 hours of independent study, research, reading, etc.

3. FOUR CREDITS COURSES

Four credits mean the dedication of 12 academic hours a week to a course.

These 12 hours are usually 4 or 6 contact hours with the professor a week and the rest of the hours dedicated to independent homework, study, research, etc.

Reference: a full student takes 20-22 PUCV credits per semester

¹ Academic hours last 45 minutes.