



## **Institute for International Medicine Credits and Degrees Policy**

- I. Introduction
  - A. The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate INMED's credits and degrees to evaluation teams and the Commission.
  
- II. Definition of Credit Hour
  - A. INMED has adopted the federal definition of a credit hour: an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is consistent with commonly accepted practice in postsecondary education and that reasonably approximates not less than –
    1. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
    2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practicum, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.
  
  - B. In determining the amount of work associated with a credit hour, the institution may take into account a variety of delivery methods, measurements of student work, academic calendars, disciplines, and degree levels.
  
- III. Determination of Credits
  - A. Calculation of the credit hour determination for any new course must be submitted with the new course proposal.
  
  - B. Significant changes to existing courses also must be accompanied by submission of an updated credit hour calculation determination.



- C. The rationale for an exception to the calculation for a particular course must be documented and approved first by the President and Dean of Faculty.
- IV. Degrees
- A. INMED offers one degree:
    - 1. **MIH:** 32-Credit Professional degree requiring a baccalaureate for admission and two years of full-time study.
- V. Terms of Study
- A. Term: A calendar of eight weeks of instructional time or its equivalent.
  - B. Semester: A calendar of two terms (Early Fall/Late Fall and Winter/Spring).