

# SEMINARY SEMESTER DEFINITION AND CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION POLICY

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## POLICY OVERVIEW

This policy states the definition of “semesters” for Briercrest Seminary and indicates expectations for number of hours in instruction and assignments per course.

## PRINCIPLES

The principles of clarity undergird this policy.

## SCOPE

The policy applies to all graduate students and faculty.

## POLICY STATEMENT

Each semester at the seminary is a minimum of 13 weeks long. The fall semester begins the last full week of August and ends December 23; the winter semester begins January 1 and ends at Commencement; and the summer semester begins following Commencement and ends July 31. Most courses are in modular format and worth 3 credit hours. Each modular involves some pre-course preparation, 30+ hours of instruction within the modular week, plus reading, study, research, and writing time (and occasionally examinations) after the modular. Students should expect to invest 100-150 hours in total per 3 credit hour course.

## APPENDIX A

Related Forms/Policies	Credit Hour Policy
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Where is this policy published	Seminary Academic Calendar ( <a href="http://www.briercrest.ca/seminary/academics/seminary-calendar/">http://www.briercrest.ca/seminary/academics/seminary-calendar/</a> )
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