

Course Classification System

Please note that the class sizes shown on this table are "normative class sizes," and were never intended to serve as either upper or lower enrollment limits. They were supposed to be representative of the typical sizes for course sections assigned a particular classification number (the mode) and taught at a particular level. These numbers were originally developed in the 1970s as the basis for the mode-and-level staffing formula, by which the CSU was to be funded by the State of California. From the outset, the State refused to fund the CSU at more than 92 percent of the amount indicated by the formula. In the budget cuts of the early 1990s, the mode-and-level formula was abandoned entirely by the State and the CSU. This table is included in the Curriculum Handbook because it may still have some value as a rough guideline in determining appropriate enrollment limits, keeping in mind that CSULB, since 1995, has been funded at only 80 percent of the amount indicated by the old formula. The asterisk (*) stands for the facility limits.

To calculate the contact hours statement for the *University Catalog*, multiply the unit value of the course by the Contact Hours Per Unit column.

C#	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT HOURS PER UNIT	NORMATIVE CLASS SIZE			WORKLOAD WEIGHING FACTOR (k)
			LD	UD	GD	
C-1	Large lecture	1	*	*	*	1.0
C-2	Lecture discussion	1	40	40	40	1.0
C-3	Lecture activity	1	30	30	30	1.0
C-4	Discussion	1	25	25	25	1.0
C-5	Seminar	1	20	20	15	1.0
C-6	Clinical process	1	20	10	10	1.0
C-7	Arts and science activity	2	24	24	24	1.3
C-8	Workshops and social science activities	2	30	30	30	1.3
C-9	Music activities - large group	2	40	40	40	1.3
C-10	Music activities - small group	2	10	10	10	1.3
C-11	P.E. and rec activities	2	30	30	30	1.3
C-12	Speech, drama, journalism activities	2	20	20	20	1.3
C-13	Technical activities and lab	2	*	*	*	1.3
C-14	Remedial courses	2	15	15	15	1.3
C-15	Technical activities and lab	3	*	*	*	1.5
C-16	Laboratories	3	*	*	*	2.0
C-17	Clinic off-campus	3	8	8	8	2.0
C-18	Major intercoll. sports	3+	20	20	-	6.0
C-19	Minor intercoll. sports	3+	20	20	-	3.0
C-20	Major performance	3+	20	20	20	3.0
C-21	Music performance	3+	40	40	40	3.0

#	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT HOURS	NORMATIVE CLASS SIZE			WEIGHTED TEACHING UNIT PER EA. STUDENT
			LD	UD	GD	
SUPERVISION						
S-1 (48)	Independent study, studio inst.	¾ hr.	48	48	48	.25 (1/4 unit)
S-2 (36)	Independent study, studio inst.	1 hr.	36	36	36	.33 (1/3 unit)
S-3 (25)	Student teaching	1 ½ hrs.		25	25	.50 (1/2 unit)
S-4 (24)	Work study, thesis	2 hrs.	18	18	18	.67 (2/3 unit)
S-5 (23)	MSW Fieldwork	3 hrs			12	1.0 (1 unit)

For supervision courses, the workload credit a supervisor receives is totally unrelated to the units value of the course. Faculty workload credit is a function of the classification of the course and the number of students enrolled in the course.

Calculate workload for supervision by multiplying the number of students supervised by the S-factor WTU per student.

Example of Supervision Formula Calculation:

Two different students are enrolled in a section of undergraduate independent study (S-48). The faculty supervisor will receive .25 WTU for each student. The workload-weighting factor is the weighted teaching units per student. Two students, therefore, generate .5 WTU for the faculty member.