

# SEMINARY SEMESTER DEFINITION AND CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION POLICY

Responsibility of	Registrar
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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. Note that students are not required to complete courses during the summer semester. 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
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> )
Contact Information	Registrar