

OSEA Course Credits 2010 Ethnography Field School and Training Programs

OSEA Course Credits are equivalent to standard course credits offered at US institutions of higher education. Each OSEA course credit should be transferable at a 1-1 ratio of credits equivalent to the credits at student's home university or college.

OSEA Course Credit Equivalency Chart, updated February 2010

Classroom Standard Hours per 15 week semester *	Actual Contact Hours § Minimum	Actual Contact Hours § Maximum	Semester Credits	OSEA Minimum Actual Seminar Contact Hours ¹	OSEA Exp.Lrn Hours ²	OSEA FldWrk Hours ³	OSEA Credits
15	12	12.5	1	13	18	24	1
30	23	25	2	25	36	48	2
45	33.75	37.5	3	37	54	72	3
60	45	50	4	50	72	96	4
75	57	62.5	5	63	90	120	5
90	67.5	75	6	76	108	135	6

* **Classroom Standard Hours** are based on a 15 week semester course valued at 3 credits that meets 3 times a week for 50 minutes each period (150 minutes) or two times a week for 1 hour & 15 minutes each period (135 minutes).

§ **Actual Contact Hours** range from 135 to 150 minutes (2.25 to 2.5 hours) for every 3 hours of weekly classroom time, based on a 3 credit semester course conducted in 15 weeks of class time (i.e., not including additional weeks for reading and exam periods).

¹ **OSEA Classroom Hours** are actual hours of contact. The figure is the minimum number of hours used to calculate the credits of a course. The actual number of hours in a 3 credit course can vary according to course, program content and number of weeks in a program. The hours are defined based on the learning objectives of the course and adjusted by the practical necessity of structuring classroom and field practicum hours in a defined number of days per week and number of weeks per program. An OSEA course typically consists of contact hours that exceed the minimum number of hours for the specified number of course credits.

² **OSEA Experiential Learning Hours** are calculated at the rate of 1.5 experiential learning to classroom hours. Experiential Learning includes hours spent in the field doing practicum, on-site learning, field trips, and other related activities based in interactive learning outside of classroom; these hours are based in the interactive exchange of information between students and professor or other qualified knowledge specialist or expert practitioner.

³ **OSEA Fieldwork Research Hours** are based on an equivalence of 2 Fieldwork Research Hour to 1 Classroom Standard Hour. OSEA has established a standard expectation of six hours of fieldwork a day during periods of independent research. These hours include both direct contact and non-contact time; this does not include time necessarily given to general cultural adaptation and immersion. Every hour of actual contact time during ethnographic fieldwork entails a variable amount of non-contact fieldwork which consists of writing and indexing of fieldnotes; transcribing interviews and verbal data; organizing, cross-indexing, analysis, and tabulation of collected data. Experts in the field estimate that ethnographers spend 3 to 12 hours of such non-contact fieldwork per one hour of contact fieldwork in these ancillary activities; the amount varies according to factors such as research context as well as the media and technologies of data collection and documentation. OSEA accepts as a standard for credit hour calculation the ratio of 3 hours of non-contact for every 1 hour of contact fieldwork.