



Policy for Program Length

Southern Arkansas University has a semester calendar and offers programs at the associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. The University adheres to the program length minimum requirements provided by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE).

Associate Degree: 60 hours

Baccalaureate Degree: 120 hours

Master's Degree: 30 hours

Doctoral Degree: 42 hours

Programs with credit hours above the required minimum are approved by ADHE based on accreditation, field, and/or licensing standards.

The University provides suggested degree plans in its Undergraduate Catalog for completion of the degree in the recommended timeframe (i.e., eight semesters for a baccalaureate degree).

All course and degree additions, modifications, and changes are reviewed and approved by the University Academic Affairs committee to ensure courses and programs align with credit hour and program length expectations (including the Credit Hour Policy). In addition, graduate coursework and programs are approved by the Graduate Council before proceeding to the University Academic Affairs committee.