

## UBB Credit System

A standard academic load for a regular student is to have about 20 credits per semester (it may vary from 18-24). Each class can have 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 credits depending on the number of contact hours. For example, a class that meets once a week for two academic hours should have 2 credits. If the class meets twice a week for two academic hours, it should have 4 credits. The “academic hour” is comprised by 50 minutes.

International students usually take 4-5 classes (15-20 credits) per semester depending on the level of Spanish. If they feel they can manage more credits according to their level of Spanish they can take more classes. If not, they can take fewer classes. We do not ask to have a minimum number of credits for international students; the requirement comes from their own home institutions. Also, we are very flexible regarding the classes they take. International students can register in any class regarding the College. I hope this helps.

1 credit is equivalent to 1 contact hour which we call “HT” (“horas teóricas”). The HT are taught by a professor in the classroom.

We also have “practical hours” (“HP” – “horas prácticas”) that are taught by a professor, instructor or teaching assistant also in the classroom. 2 HP are equivalent to 1 credit.

Finally, we have “lab hours” (“HL”- “horas de laboratorio”) which are dedicated to work in labs and may be taught by professors, instructors or teaching assistants. 2 HL are equivalent to 1 credit.

The “Análisis del Discurso I” syllabus should have 6 credits in total (4 HT, 4HP=2HT) which is equivalent to 6 HT.