

English Discipline Council Statement on 3 credit/3 hour revision for composition:

The CUNY English Discipline Council rejects the recent suggestion that composition courses be revised as 3 contact hours/3 credits. The dominant pattern of these courses across the university is 4 hours/3 credits—both current and past practice as well as best practice. This configuration is an established feature of colleges' budgets and curricula. Other disciplines depend upon this model to prepare students adequately for the challenges of academic writing in their undergraduate careers. To reduce contact hours would be to deny students the benefits of individualized instruction, to diminish the amount of writing they do during the semester, and to undermine established pedagogic practices within CUNY. The current design is essential to first-year writers and facilitates transfer.