

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT ACADEMIC POLICIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY

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POLICY

The Community College of Vermont makes every effort to balance the educational needs of its students with institutional budgetary requirements. To that end, CCV makes selected courses available in a Small-Group Study (SGS) format, with lower enrollment and less class time than regular courses. Academic standards for SGS courses are in all respects comparable to those of regular CCV courses. When such courses are offered, they will be offered in accordance with the following procedures.

PROCEDURES

1. The SGS is a course format that provides learning equivalent to a regularly scheduled three- or four-credit course, with approximately two-thirds of the classroom instruction time which should be scheduled within the originally published time frame.
2. Conversion of a regular course to an SGS requires the consent of the faculty member as well as prior approval of a regional director, after consultation with the appropriate program manager as needed.
3. Faculty pay for an SGS will be 75% the prescribed compensation for the corresponding regular course. A special SGS contract, signed by the faculty member and the regional director, will be prepared when a regular course has been converted to an SGS.
4. Learning objectives, completion requirements, evaluation criteria, and other academic standards for an SGS must be equivalent to those of the corresponding regular course.