

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT

SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION POLICY

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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 may make selected courses available in a Small Group Instruction (SGI) format, with lower enrollment and modified class time. Academic standards for SGI courses are in all respects comparable to those of regular CCV courses and are scheduled and conducted in compliance with federal regulation defining the credit hour.

PROCEDURES

1. The SGI is a course format that provides learning equivalent to a regularly scheduled 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 SGI requires the consent of the faculty member as well as prior approval of a regional director after consultation with the academic dean's office.
3. Faculty pay for an SGI will be 75% of the prescribed compensation for the corresponding regular course.
4. Learning objectives, completion requirements, evaluation criteria, and other academic standards for an SGI must be equivalent to those of the corresponding regular course.
5. Faculty and academic staff collaborate in determining the most appropriate method and schedule for delivering small group instruction, keeping in mind delivery mode and topic.