

***ELEMENT TITLE:***

**Cumulative Degree Credit Hours Awarded**

**DEFINITION:** Cumulative Credit Hours awarded by reporting institution, including native credit hours as well as transfer credit, AP, IB, ACE, CLEP, etc., in decimal format. Include only credit hours that are applied toward the total number of credit hours needed for completing the requirements of the degree, certificate, or other formal award received by the student.

**FORMAT:** Numeric – with no more than two significant decimal places  
Include decimal point.

**CODES:**

**COMMENTS:** For a program leading to the conferral of multiple degrees, determine whether the degrees are awarded simultaneously or sequentially. For simultaneous awards, report the combined credit hour total with both degrees (i.e. double count all credits); for sequential awards, report the amount of credit hours awarded by the time of the first degree with the first degree and then all subsequent credit hours with the second degree (i.e. double count no credits).

For example, consider a student enrolled in a 150-credit program leading to both a BA and MA, and who earns 30 credits each academic year. If the student earns both a BA and MA on May 15, 2014, report 150 credits for the BA and 150 credits for the MA. If the student earns a BA on May 15, 2013 and an MA on May 15, 2014, report 120 credits for the BA and 30 credits for the MA.

**RELATED TO:** Prior Degree Flag

**GLOSSARY:**

**SYSTEMS:** DIS

**SYSNAME:** CUMCRED

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