

Fitchburg State University
Criteria for Assigning Graduate Course Levels

Type of Experience	Requirements	Receive:
Workshop	Attendance and completion of required in class activities	PDP (1 PDP is awarded for each hour of contact)
PDEV/PDMT Courses* (6000 level) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop with Credit added • Stand-alone course (Must follow syllabus guidelines)	Attendance (12.5 hours for every credit) and participation with additional work outside of meetings. Work is typically “applied” (e.g. lesson plan, case study, action plan, etc.) and based on research that is provided or assigned.	PDP (if no outside work completed or if less than 2 hours outside for every 1 hour in class) or Graduate Credit (Must complete 2 hours of work outside of class for every hour spent in class)
Graduate Credit 7000 level or Higher (Must be reviewed and approved by the department)	Attendance (12.5 hours for every credit) and participation with additional work outside of meetings. Work outside of class must have a <i>substantial</i> (approximately 50% of assignments) research base and theoretical base. Written assessments (e.g., tests, papers) are designed to allow students to demonstrate mastery of research and theoretical base.	Graduate Credit (Must complete 2 hours of work outside of class for every hour spent in class)

*Up to two PDEV/PDMT courses may apply to a master’s program with written approval of the advisor or program chair.

*PDEV/PDMT courses may not apply to CAGS programs.