NCHEMS Recommended Discipline Clusters

Instructional Matrix – Eleven Discipline Clusters

1. Liberal Arts, Math, Social Science, Language, Other
2. Basic Skills
3. Business, Public Administration
4. Education
5. Services (Personal, Protective, Recreation)
6. Visual and Performing Arts
7. Trades/Technical
8. Sciences
9. Law
10. Engineering/Architecture
11. Health

NCHEMS Recommended Discipline Weights*

Discipline Cluster	Lower Division	Upper Division	Masters	Doctoral
Liberal Arts, etc.	1.0	2.0	4.0	5.0
Basic Skills	1.5	-	-	-
Business	1.0	2.0	4.0	6.0
Education	1.5	2.0	2.5	5.0
Services	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.0
Performing Arts	1.5	2.5	5.0	5.0
Trades/Tech	2.0	2.5	-	-
Sciences	2.0	3.0	5.0	8.0
Law	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
Engineering	2.0	3.0	5.0	8.0
Health	2.0	2.0	5.0	6.0

*Weights are cost informed based on cost studies in TX, OH, IL, and FL.