

Credit Hour Assignment Policy

Course credit hours are determined by the type of course and the number of instructional (contact) hours spent in the course during the semester. Depending on the type of course, students may also expect to spend a certain amount of time engaging with the course material outside of class:

- **Lecture/discussion-oriented courses:** One semester credit hour is assigned for every 15 classroom contact hours per semester. For each classroom contact hour, students are expected to invest a minimum of two hours in outside-of-classroom study and relevant learning activities.
- **Laboratory courses:** One semester credit hour is assigned for every 30 to 45 classroom contact hours per semester. For every two laboratory contact hours, students are expected to invest a minimum of one hour in outside-of-classroom study and relevant learning activities.
- **Work experience courses:** Work experience courses include non-clinical internships, practicums, and on-the-job supervised instruction. One semester credit hour is assigned for every 150 contact hours per semester.
- **Clinical practicum courses:** One semester credit hour is assigned for every 30 to 60 contact hours per semester. For every two clinical contact hours, students are expected to invest a minimum of one hour in outside-of-classroom study and relevant learning activities.

Student Workload Examples:

XYZ 101 is a 3-credit lecture course (3-0-3). The weekly workload might look like:

In-class lecture:	3 hours/week
Out-of-class work (reading, projects, etc.)	6 hours/week
Total	9 hours/week

XYZ 102 is a 4-credit course with both lecture and lab components (3-2-4).

The weekly workload might look like:

In-class lecture:	3 hours/week
In-class lab:	2 hours/week
Out-of-class work (reading, projects, etc. for lecture portion)	6 hours/week
Out-of-class work (lab reports, etc. for lab portion)	1 hour/week
Total	12 hours/week