

Example Student Workload Syllabi Statements for Undergraduate Courses

Resources:

- [Expected Undergraduate Course Student Workload per Week Grid](#)
- [Workload Estimator](#) (Wake Forest Center for the Advancement of Teaching)
- [Florida Gulf Coast University Student Workload in Online Learning](#)

15-week, in-person lecture or discussion/seminar class

UMD defines 1 credit hour as being equal to 3 hours of work per week for a 15-week semester. Since this is a semester-long, 4-credit class, you should expect to spend about 12 hours per week on this class, with 4 hours for attending class, 2.5 hours per week of reading, 1 hour for in-class discussion preparation, 1.5 hours per week for quizzes/exams, and 3 hours per week for the research paper.

15-week, in-person lab/studio class

UMD defines 1 credit hour as being equal to 3 hours of work per week for a 15-week semester. Since this lab is a semester-long, 2-credit class, you should expect to spend about 6 hours per week on this class. All of these hours will take place during scheduled class times.

15-week, online lecture or discussion/seminar class

UMD defines 1 credit hour as being equal to 3 hours of work per week for a 15-week semester. Since this is a semester-long, 3-credit class, you should expect to spend about 9 hours per week on this class, with 1.5 hours for interactive modules, 2.5 hours for reading, 1 hour for quizzes/exams, 1 hour for discussion posts, and 3 hours for the research paper.

15-week, independent study class

UMD defines 1 credit hour as being equal to 3 hours of work per week for a 15-week semester. Since this is a semester-long, 1-credit class, you should expect to spend about 3 hours per week on this class, with .5 hours for scheduled discussions and 2.5 hours for the research paper.

7-week, in-person lecture or discussion/seminar class

UMD defines 1 credit hour as being equal to 3 hours of work per week for a 15-week semester. Since this is a 7-week, 1-credit class, you should expect to spend about 6.4 hours per week on this class, with 2 hours for attending class, 2 hours for reading, 1 hour for quizzes/exams, and 1.4 hours for class assignments.