The traditional credit hour represents one fifty-minute lecture per week for fifteen weeks. At least two hours of laboratory work are required to equal one hour of lec-ture. Thirty minutes of private music instruction per week is equivalent to one credit hour, and fifty minutes of private music instruction per week is equivalent to two credit hours.

For every course credit hour, the typical student should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work, including but not limited to time attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/ exams, problem solving, developing and completing projects, and other activities that enhance learning. Thus, for a three-hour course, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course.

Students in PACE and online courses earn one semester hour credit for 45 hours of academic activity. This activity may include but is not limited to the following: real-time lecturing (in class or via Zoom), online learning tutorials, projects, presentations, forum discussions, preparation required for students to engage in the course, reading assignments, and other assignments used for the assessment of student learning.