



Academic
Advising Center

Grade Expectations

College Level Work: *The Reality of Being a First Year Student*

The chart below outlines the typical academic expectations of you as a college student. This help can provide you with a realistic introduction to the academic challenges of college.

NOTE: These are average expectations. Workload will vary depending on the course and instructor.

Desired Grade	Hours Outside of Class	Attendance	Note Taking	Participation	Readings	Test Preparation	Communication with the Instructor	Assignments
A	Study at least 4 hours outside of class per week.	Attend all classes.	Keep very detailed notes from lectures. Review them several times during the week.	Ask questions in class. Be involved in class discussions.	Do required readings, keeping current with lectures. Thoroughly outline chapters in the textbook.	Study 2-3 weeks in advance for major exams.	Ask questions, discuss difficulties you may be having. Attend help labs.	Complete all assignments on time, do all required and suggested readings, keep current with lectures.
B	Study at least 2 hours outside of class per week.	Attend all classes.	Keep detailed notes from lectures. Review them once before next class.	Ask a few questions in class, occasionally add to class discussions.	Do the required readings, take notes as you read.	Study 1-2 weeks in advance for major exams.	Talk with instructor about difficulties, attend help labs.	Complete all assignments on time, do required readings.
C	Study for an hour outside of class per week.	Attend all classes.	Take brief notes. Do not review them.	Ask a question every few weeks. Do not participate in class discussions.	Skim the readings, do not take notes.	Review book and class notes. Cram the night of the exam.	Do not talk to the professor.	Do some of the assignments but do not spend much effort.
D	Do not study for class. Perhaps review notes.	Sporadically attend class.	Write some words down. Doodle.	Appear to sleep in class occasionally.	Hold onto the book and look at the pictures.	Cram the night of the exam.	Avoid the professor.	Do some assignments but only every now and then.
F	Do not study.	Do not attend.	Do not take notes.	Sleep when you are in class.	What readings?	Wish for the best.	Avoid the professor.	Do not do the assignments.

Studying is a Full-Time Job!

The following are brief examples of course requirements. Always plan for two to three hours of study time outside of class for each credit a course is worth. For example: 15 credit hours = 30 to 45 hours of study outside of class.

*NOTE: These are **examples** of typical course formats. Please see your course syllabus for specific assignments and requirements. Some professors may require additional work.*

WRTG F111X Writing Across Contexts

Class size: 15-20 students

Attendance: Required; missed classes may result in reduced grade.

Homework policy: Late work will not be accepted without a reasonable excuse.

Quizzes: Unannounced in-class essays given throughout the semester.

Papers: Three argumentative essays, one research paper, four impromptu essays

Reading: 20-30 pages of reading per week

Final: Portfolio

MATH F251X Calculus I

Class size: 15-20 students

Attendance: Required; missed classes may result in reduced grade.

Homework policy: Late homework will not be accepted for any reason.

Mid-terms: Three one-hour exams

Final: One two-hour exam

CHEM F103X Basic General Chemistry

Class size: 200 students in lecture portion of class; 10-15 students in each lab section.


Attendance: Required

Homework policy: Assignments are due at the end of class. Late homework is not accepted unless prearranged.

Quizzes: 5 quizzes throughout the semester

Mid-terms: One one-hour test

Final: One two-hour exam and a project presentation



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For any course it's important to attend the class, do the homework, and treat your studies like a job. It's up to YOU to have a successful college experience!