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Instructional Activity	Definition	Minimum Faculty Contact Hours	Minimum Additional Student Work Hours	Minimum number of contact/student work hours per one credit	Banner Schedule Type Code	Faculty- or Student Outcome-based Activity
Field Instruction/ Experience	Instructional activities focused on supplementing and/or extending content formally presented in a lecture or seminar course in a field-based setting, as guided by faculty.	31.25 (2.5 x base)	11.25	42.5	F	Faculty
Independent Study	Student project or other required activity with minimal involvement association with faculty direction.	Varies	Varies	45	I	Student
Internship	Work-oriented instruction involving the implementation of classroom or laboratory experiences coordinated by* a faculty member. <i>*Co-ordinated by generally means the faculty member defines the order or priorities of activities for the student, but is not physically present with the student.</i>	Varies	Varies	45	N	Student
Laboratory, Academic or Clinical	Instructional activities focused on student participation, experimentation, observation, or practice, as guided by faculty.	18.75 (1.5 x base)	23.75	42.5	A	Faculty
Lecture	Formal presentation of content primarily delivered by one-way communication by the faculty.	12.5	30	42.5	L	Faculty

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Lecture or Seminar/ Field Experience	Instructional activities focused on presentation or exploration of content either faculty-to-student and/or student-to-student, combined with instructional activities focused on supplementing and/or extending content formally presented in a lecture or seminar course in a field-based setting, as guided by faculty.	12.5 for lecture portion 31.25 for field portion	30 for lecture portion 11.25 for field portion	42.5	9	Faculty
Lecture/Lab	Instructional activities focused on presentation or exploration of content either faculty-to-student and/or student-to-student, combined with instructional activities focused on student participation, experimentation, observation, or practice, as guided by faculty.	Varies (refer to lecture and lab entries)	Varies (refer to lecture and lab entries)	42.5	B	
Lecture/Lab/ Practicum	Instructional activities focused on presentation or exploration of content either faculty-to-student and/or student-to-student, combined with both instructional activities focused on student participation,	Varies (refer to lecture, lab, and practicum entries)	Varies (refer to lecture, lab, and practicum entries)	42.5 for lecture/lab portion 45 for practicum portion	14	Faculty for lecture/lab portion Student for practicum portion

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	experimentation, observation, or practice, as guided by faculty, as well as work-oriented instruction involving the implementation of classroom or laboratory experience under the direct supervision* of a faculty member. <i>*Direct supervision generally means the faculty member is physically present with the student, or within immediate proximity, such as on the same floor, and available to respond to the student's needs.</i>					
Lecture/Practicum	Instructional activities focused on presentation or exploration of content either faculty-to-student and/or student-to-student, combined with work-oriented instruction involving the implementation of classroom or laboratory experience under the direct supervision* of a faculty member. <i>*Direct Supervision generally means the faculty member is physically present with the student, or within immediate proximity, such as on the same floor, and available to respond to the student's needs.</i>	Varies (refer to lecture and practicum entries)	Varies (refer to lecture, lab, and practicum entries)	42.5 for lecture portion 45 for practicum portion	12	Faculty for Lecture portion Student for Practicum portion
Physical Education and Recreation Activity Courses	Physical education and/or instructional activities focused on the development of skill proficiencies, as guided by faculty.	25 (2 x base)	17.5	42.5	2	Faculty

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Practicum, Clinical Practicum	Work-oriented instruction involving the implementation of classroom or laboratory experience under the direct supervision* of a faculty member. <i>*Direct Supervision generally means the faculty member is physically present with the student, or within immediate proximity, such as on the same floor, and available to respond to the student's needs.</i>	Varies	Varies	45	P	Student
Private Instruction	Instructional activities focused on presentation or exploration of content in a one-to-one relationship, faculty to student.	6.25 .5 x 12.5 (FTE guide)	36.25	42.5	Y	Faculty
Readings	Specified readings that accompany another course or that may stand independently.	Varies	Varies	45	R	Student
Recitation: Discussion or Seminar	Instructional activities focused on the reinforcement and/or enhancement of content formally presented in a lecture or seminar course.	12.5 1 x 12.5 (FTE guide)	30	42.5	Q	Faculty
Student Teaching	Faculty supervised learning experience in which the student applies knowledge gained in the teacher education program to a classroom setting.	Varies	Varies	45	D	Student

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Studio - Art	Instructional and/or lab activities focused on painting, sculpture, and other artistic endeavors, as guided by faculty.	25 2 x 12.5 (FTE guide)	17.5	42.5	O	Faculty
Studio - Music	Instructional and/or lab activities focused on band, ensembles, music labs, and other musical endeavors, as guided by faculty.	31.25 2.5 x 12.5 (FTE guide)	11.25	42.5	Z	Faculty

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Instructional Activity	1 credit		2 credits		3 credits		4 credits		5 credits	
	Faculty Contact Hours	Student Work Hours	Faculty Contact Hours	Student Work Hours	Faculty Contact Hours	Student Work Hours	Faculty Contact Hours	Student Work Hours	Faculty Contact Hours	Student Work Hours
Field Instruction/ Experience	31.25 (2.5 x base)	11.25	62.5	22.5	93.75	33.75	125	45	156.25	56.25
Independent Study	N/A	45	N/A	90	N/A	135	N/A	180	N/A	225
Internship	N/A	45	N/A	90	N/A	135	N/A	180	N/A	225
Laboratory, Academic or Clinical	18.75 (1.5 x base)	23.75	37.5	47.5	56.25	71.25	75	95	93.75	118.75
Lecture	12.5 (1 x base)	30	25	60	37.5	90	50	120	62.5	150
Physical Education and Recreation Activity Courses	25 (2 x base)	17.5	50	35	75	52.5	100	70	125	87.5
Practicum, Clinical Practicum	N/A	45	N/A	90	N/A	135	N/A	180	N/A	225
Private Instruction	6.25 (.5 x base)	36.25	12.5	72.5	18.75	108.75	25	145	31.25	181.25
Readings	N/A	45	N/A	90	N/A	135	N/A	180	N/A	225
Recitation: Discussion or Seminar	12.5 (1 x base)	30	25	60	37.5	90	50	120	62.5	150
Student Teaching	N/A	45	N/A	90	N/A	135	N/A	180	N/A	225
Studio - Art	25 (2 x base)	17.5	50	35	75	52.5	100	70	125	87.5
Studio - Music	31.25 (2.5 x base)	11.25	62.5	22.5	93.75	33.75	125	45	156.25	56.25
Study Abroad	N/A	45	N/A	90	N/A	135	N/A	180	N/A	225

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