

Academic Credit Hours

A “credit hour” is the unit by which an institution measures its course work. The number of credit hours for which a course is listed is defined by a combination of the number of hours per week spent in class, and the number of hours spent in “out of class” supplementary work (such as completing reading assignments, conducting library research, engaging in field interviews, or writing papers).

A credit at NYTS typically represents fifteen hours (each hour entailing 50 minutes of instruction time) of class. For each credit hour, students should expect to spend an additional thirty hours of supplementary assignments. While the amount and difficulty of readings will vary from course to course, students should generally expect to be assigned up to 500 pages of reading per credit. Independent studies are expected to follow these guidelines when computing the number of credits to be awarded for work.