

# Student Course Load Worksheet

This worksheet was inspired by a similar worksheet found on the University of Michigan-Flint website ([http://www.umflint.edu/advising/surviving\\_college.htm](http://www.umflint.edu/advising/surviving_college.htm)).

- A. Lecture only credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Lab only credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_ x 3 = \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Outside study/course prep time: total credit hours \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum study/prep requirement)

Total course load: A + Product of B + Product of C: \_\_\_\_\_/week hour commitment (minimum)

## Example Calculation:

A student has enrolled in four 3 hour lecture courses. One of those courses also has a 2 credit hour laboratory co-requisite course. This gives the student a total of 14 credit hours for the semester. This student's minimum course load would be calculated as follows:

- A. Lecture only credit hours: 12 (4 courses x 3 credits each)
- B. Lab only credit hours: 2 x 3 = 6
- C. Outside study/course prep time: total credit hours 14 x 2 = 28 (minimum study/prep requirement)

Total course load: A + Product of B + Product of C: 46/week hour commitment (minimum)

As you can see the minimum course load is quite substantial and this student will need to also account for additional time commitments both at school (e.g. writing intensive classes, extracurricular activities, etc.) and off campus (work, family, etc).