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College is very different than High School. You will have much more work to do outside of class. It may seem like you have plenty of time to put in a 40 hour work week and take 4 or 5 classes. NOT… you will have more reading, writing assignments and studying to do on your own time than you ever had in high school. We see many students who are failing their classes, having to drop them, and/or ending up on academic probation/suspension because they are working too many hours.

The rule of thumb is, on average, you will need **two hours** of study/planning time outside of class for every **one hour** class time!

Example: 12 credit class hours

+ 24 hours to study

36 hours per week of school

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| **Work** | **School** |
| 40 hours | 6 credit hours |
| 30 hours | 9 credit hours |
| 20 hours | 12 credit hours |
| 10 hours | 14 - 15 hours |