

Course Workload

The Art of Education follows the [Carnegie Unit definition of credit hours](#). Each credit hour is equivalent to fifteen hours of academic engagement (seat time) and thirty hours of preparation (work outside of class). Academic engagement can include viewing lectures, submitting assignments, asking faculty members questions, and participating in an online discussion group. Preparation may include reading texts and web articles and completing assignments. You may naturally work at a faster or slower pace, but the Carnegie Unit is a good rule of thumb when estimating workload.

Let's break this down into specific examples...

A typical **2-credit course** lasts eight weeks and requires about 90 hours of work time. That means you'll need to devote about eleven hours to the course each week. This doesn't mean you will be sitting in front of your computer typing away for eleven hours each week! Of the eleven hours, about four will be spent interacting with the course instructor and peers online. The other seven hours you can plan to spend reading required materials, watching tutorials, and working on assignments. AOE courses are designed for art teachers by art teachers, so while reading and writing are integrated into all of our courses, we are sure to incorporate creative components as well.

AOE's **3-credit courses** last eight weeks as well and require a total of 135 hours of work time. This breaks down to seventeen hours each week with around six hours online and eleven hours working outside of class.

The graphic below breaks down the course workload associated with both types of AOE courses.

