

**University of Michigan
School of Nursing**

Assignment of Credit Hours

Degree Type	Classification	Unit	Contact Hours per Week*
Undergraduate BSN	Clinical course	1 credit	2 hours per credit
	Independent Study	1 credit	Contact between instructor and student is required, but not necessarily on a weekly basis.
	Lab course	1 credit	2 hours per credit
	Lecture course	1 credit	1 hour per credit
	Seminar	1 credit	1 hour per credit
Professional Graduate MSN, DNP	Clinical course	1 credit	4 hours per credit
	Independent Study	1 credit	Contact between instructor and student is required, but not necessarily on a weekly basis.
	Lab Course	1 credit	2 hours per credit
	Lecture course	1 credit	1 hour per credit
	Seminar	1 credit	Varies
PhD	Independent Study	1 credit	Contact between instructor and student is required, but not necessarily on a weekly basis.
	Lab course	1 credit	2 hours per credit
	Seminar	1 credit	1 hour per credit

*Guidelines are for a full 14-week semester. Shorter courses of study are prorated.

Notes:

- A contact hour is defined as regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor.
- It is assumed that each hour of class time spent in a lecture or seminar will be accompanied by 2 to 3 hours of time spent in independent preparation.
- Hybrid and fully remote courses require an equivalent amount of instruction and student work as required by in-person courses.

Based on review of:

[U-M Office of Provost Guidance on Defining Academic Credit Hour](#)
[Rackham Graduate School Assignment of Credit Hours](#)