

Assignment Guidelines

NJCU's Credit Hour Policy

One credit hour for a lecture (LEC) or seminar (SEM) course represents 50 minutes per week of scheduled class time and a minimum of 100 minutes per week of student preparation time for a regular (15-week) semester. For instance, a three-credit class represents 37.5 hours of in-class time and 75 hours of preparation time, or 112.5 hours total. http://www.njcu.edu/sites/default/files/njcu_credit_hour_policy.pdf

NB: A 3 credit class in a regular 15-week semester should include 300 minutes per week of student preparation time.

Philosophy Guidelines

Writing Assignments

Final grades for philosophy courses should not be based solely on in-class examinations. At least one major assignment in all courses (barring critical thinking and logic courses) should involve a significant out-of-class writing assignment.

- For 100-level courses the significant writing assignment should be 3-5 pages in length
- For 200-level courses the significant writing assignment should be 5-7 pages in length
- For 300-level courses and above the significant writing assignment should be 7-10 pages in length.

Additional guidelines:

- No assignment should be longer than the recommended significant writing assignment, e.g., no writing assignment in a 100 level course should be longer than 5 pages.
- The total number of all writing assignments should total at least 20 pages and should not exceed 40 pages. This number includes reading responses, multiple drafts of the same paper, exam answers, etc.
- It is suggested that lower level classes have frequent short writing assignments, while upper level classes have less frequent but longer writing assignments.

The specific nature of all writing assignments is at the professor's discretion.

Reading Assignments

Reading should be assigned each week . The number of pages assigned should vary by course level as follows:

- 100-level courses: 10-30 pages per week
- 200-level courses: 20-50 pages per week
- 300-level courses and above: 30-60 pages per week

The specific nature of all reading assignments is at the professor's discretion.