

Key Points: Academic Credit

*The number of academic credits assigned to a course is based on the amount of work required in the course.**

One credit = Approximately one hour of class per week during a 14-week semester

- Most Augustana courses carry **4 credits**

Typical first year at Augustana College

Fall semester	13-14 credits	Three 4-credit courses + one or two 1-credit courses
J-term	4 credits	One 4-credit course
Spring semester	16 credits	Four 4-credit courses
Total	34 credits	

Lighter load in first semester = more time to transition to college!

- Meet higher academic expectations
- Make new friends
- Get involved on campus
- Get used to living independently

Your Augustana degree requires a minimum of 124 credits

- 31 credits per year x 4 years = 124 credits

Credit = Time in class

Outside of class, expect at least **2 hours of studying for each hour spent in class**

- **14 credits** = 14 hours in class + at least 28 hours studying = **full-time job!**

*Source: [Augustana College 2023-24 Academic Catalog](#)