

Calendar, Credit, Course Load

The academic calendar consists of a fall and spring semester of 15 weeks each. A course that meets once a week has 15 meetings. A course that meets twice a week has 30 meetings.

Most Ringling College courses carry three semester hours of credit. Studio courses usually meet for six contact hours per week; academic courses for three contact hours per week. Students are expected to spend nine hours per week on each class. Studio courses expect three hours of homework and academic courses expect six hours of homework per week for 15 weeks. Several advanced-level courses carry six semester hours of credit. Six credit courses meet for a minimum of six contact hours per week and can expect up to 12 hours of homework per week for 15 weeks.

The standard course schedule consists of five studio and academic courses for 15 credit hours per semester. Full-time status is defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. A minimum of 120 semester credit hours is required for a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (B.F.A.) or a Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.).

For further clarification or details on specific course contact and credit hours, refer to the Course Descriptions section.