

Prep time

This is perhaps the most highly variable vector of teaching. I'm going to suggest to you that two hours, on average, is more than enough prep time per twice-weekly 1020 session (identical for both semesters when you're teaching one course and those when you're teaching two, since the courses will follow the same schedule and cover the same material). If this seems like not enough time to budget, bear with me as we discuss ways to keep prep time under this target throughout the semester. Thus:

1 course: 8.5

2 courses: 11.5

Grading

Grading is another vector that will vary based on your approaches and experience level. We'll discuss techniques for getting your grading down to 15 minutes (on average) per student paper, but let's be conservative and estimate 20 minutes per paper for the purposes of this tally. Presuming you have a full class of 24 students and are teaching five graded assignments, then the total time added would be 80 hours (for two classes, half that for one). If you distribute that throughout the 14 weeks of the semester, then the average added time is 5.7 hours (for two courses, 2.9 for one course). Thus the new weekly totals would be:

1 course: 11.4

2 courses: 17.2

"Special Session" Prep deductions:

These figures, as they currently stand, are certainly manageable. The two course estimate is a relatively safe 2.8 hours under the 20 hour guideline and the 1 course allotment is less than 90 minutes over *half* of that suggested commitment. However, we can presume there will be at least a few sessions in the semester that you do not need to plan for. Nine of these are built into our model syllabus (5 rough draft workshops, three debates, and one library visit day). We can thus deduct the prep time (2 x 8) of these sessions and thus subtract 16 hours total from the semester clock. If we distribute that total across the 14 week semester will give us a little over a 1.1 hour deduction per week.

Final Totals

Thus our new, and final, totals would be:

1 course: 10.3

2 courses: 16.1