

## 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](#)