

For each semester hour of credit, a traditional lecture or laboratory course shall strive to meet a minimum of 750 minutes. Final exam periods may be counted as class time when computing required minutes. The minimum length requirements for academic courses are listed below:

A. Minimum requirements for meeting time for classes:

1. 1 hour classes must meet 750 minutes.
  - a. 50-minutes classes must meet 15 times, or 14 times plus final examination.
2. 2 hour classes must meet 1500 minutes.
  - a. 50-minute classes must meet 30 times, or 28 times plus final examination.
  - b. 100-minute classes must meet 15 times, or 14 times plus final examination.
3. 3 hour classes must meet 2250 minutes.
  - a. 50-minutes MWF classes must meet 45 times, or 42 times plus final examination.
  - b. 75-minutes TuTh classes must meet 30 times, or 28 times plus final examination.
  - c. 150-minutes weekly classes must meet 15 times, or 14 times plus final examination.

B. Final Examination time requirements:

1. Scheduled time minimum requirements
  - a. 1 hour courses -- 50 minutes
  - b. 2 hour courses -- 100 minutes
  - c. 3 hour courses -- 150 minutes

C. Distance Education:

1. All electronic academic courses at Northwestern State University are considered comparable to traditional courses, are taught by regular and approved adjunct faculty, and adhere to all the same standards, prerequisites, and requirements as traditional sections of identical courses.

For more detailed information pertaining to the minimum length of academic courses, see the Board Bylaws & Rules of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System: [https://s25260.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Chpt\\_1\\_VII\\_Academic\\_Programs.pdf](https://s25260.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Chpt_1_VII_Academic_Programs.pdf)