Policy Governing Credit Hours for Course Work

Pursuant to Standard 310 of the American Bar Association's Standards for Approval of Law Schools, courses must require 42.5 hours of work per credit per semester. Students should typically expect to conduct at least 130 minutes of out-of-class work for every hour of class time unless otherwise guided by the instructor. Out-of-class work includes class preparation, written assignments, conferences with faculty and the time taken to prepare for and take the exam. Courses otherwise structured—such as clinics and courses requiring a paper instead of an exam, as well as co-curricular activities such as journals and moot court—must require the same amount of total work per credit.