CS 2316 – So, How hard is this class?
CS 2316 – A “Hard” class

Hours Spent per Week
(In class / on homeworks, etc)

- 0-3 hours
- 3-6 hours
- 6-9 hours
- 9-12 hours
- 12-15 hours
- 15-18 hours
- 18 or more

Number of Students

Hours per week
Student Quotes:

- “Way too much work”
- “Going to class is very important!”
- “It was an intense marathon of timed labs, homeworks, and tests”
- “Homeworks were very hard”
- “HW required a lot of time, but was very helpful for the course.”
- “I thought the effort exerted was very fair”
“One semester credit is expected to require at least three hours of scholarly activity per week.”

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3 credit class = 9 hours a week
Minimum time allotment

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2.5 hours of lecture (3 x 50min)
1.5 hour of recitation (unless you finish early)

At least 5 more hours for reading, studying, and homeworks. Every week! (Some weeks will be more, some will be less.)
Average 9 hours a week

Hours Spent per Week
(In class / on homeworks, etc)

- 6-9 hours: 40 students
- 9-12 hours: 35 students
- 12-15 hours: 10 students
- 15-18 hours: 5 students
- 18 or more: 5 students

Number of Students

0-3 hours: 5 students
3-6 hours: 20 students
6-9 hours: 40 students
9-12 hours: 35 students
12-15 hours: 10 students
15-18 hours: 5 students
18 or more: 5 students
Do you have a heavy load this semester?

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15 credit hours = 45 hours a week

Full Time $\geq$ 12 credit hours
Some students spend more time...

Hours Spent per Week
(In class / on homeworks, etc)

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Assignment Contribution to Learning

Degree to which assignments facilitated learning

Students Responding

Degree of Contribution

5 – Exceptional
4
3
2
1- Very poor
Student Quotes:

• “If you could effectively do the homeworks, the rest of the class was very doable.”
• “All of the hard work we put into homework actually counted significant towards our final grade.”
• “Homework taught skills.”
What do you get for all this work?

Amount Learned

How much would you say you learned in this course?

Students Responding

5 – An Exceptional Amount

4

3

2

1 – Almost Nothing
Student Quotes:

- “learning real life applications”
- “I can see it helping me in the workplace in the future.”
- “I did learn how to use Python and will use it later.”
- “SQL, XML, GUI's are very useful topics to learn.”
- “I feel like I know enough of Python to make it a resource in other classes and the workplace.”