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

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

Number of Students

Hours per week

0-3 hours  3-6 hours  6-9 hours  9-12 hours  12-15 hours  15-18 hours  18 or more
Student Quotes:

- “Way too much work”
- “Going to class is very important!”
- “This course is literally a marathon of work with hardly any time to recharge between hw, tests, and timed labs”
- “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.”

- [http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/faculty/fs_sch.php](http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/faculty/fs_sch.php)

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)

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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...
Assignment Contribution to Learning
Degree to which assignments facilitated learning

Students Responding

Degree of Contribution

5 – Exceptional | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 – Very poor

Homeworks???
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

0

10

20

30

40

50

60

70

80
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.”
I am working on a project using Python at my internship. It reads in two CSV files, compares the data using two for loops, and prints the data that have matches.

I want to mention how neat it is to be using what I learned in CS 1301 and 2316 on a daily basis at my internship. It is a very rewarding and motivating feeling.
This summer I've used python extensively for all sorts of tasks, from repository hooks to translating files from one XML schema to another, I've used it almost daily for weeks. Just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated your class and having a basis of python for this internship.
...[a program] I wrote for my company (Accenture) during my internship this summer. It analyzes two excel [files] and creates a new one with the information. This was previously done manually and led to many errors.