

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

MDiv/MCM Course Workload Assessment

Course Assessment

Some potential tools for assessing the accomplishment of the course objectives:

- x Written assignments
- x Student presentations
- x Group projects
- x For 1-hour course 37-45 hours of student academic work
- x Approximate assignment/effort equivalencies:
 - o 1 hour for each hour in face to face class
 - o 1 hour for each hour of synchronous discussion in online course (or use of lecture or video)
 - o 1-2 hours for each 20 pp of assigned reading (recognizing differences of author, and instructor assessment expectations)
 - o 1-2 hours for 1 page of a typed paper (recognizing research paper kinds of papers)
 - o ¼-1 hour for required initial post to a discussion board question (recognizing expected response and varying forms/number of questions)
 - o 0- ½ hour for response to a discussion board question (recognizing class size and response expectations)
 - o ¼-1 hour to read responses to a discussion board thread (recognizing number of required posts/responses)
 - o ¼-1 hour for translation and/or exegesis of a biblical language version
 - o 0-2 hours for a quiz (recognizing some quizzes require unique preparation other than what is involved in completing other assignments)
 - o 5-10 hours for a major exam or project (recognizing exams/projects significance in course requirements)
- x Some assignments may not fit this paradigm and require unique quantification

Paper Guidelines

- x A style guide for papers is provided in the student resources section of the school website: <http://www.wbu.edu/academics/schools/religious/religiousresources/religiousresources.htm>
- x Research papers have the following requirements regarding sources:
 - o 1 required source for each 12 pages (based on length and purpose of the paper; min 8)
 - o Internet sources must have approval of professor prior to use (e-books or e-journals are not approved)
 - o When possible, require one or more journal articles as sources