168 Hour Week

Do you find yourself needing more hours in a day? It's easy to forget that sleeping, eating, bathing, doing laundry, working, and most importantly going to school and studying, all take up a lot of time!

Getting an accurate sense of how much time you spend on those activities makes goal-setting, making a to-do list, and creating a useful (and successful) academic plan easier.

Enter the estimated time you spend on each of the following activities:

Sleeping	hrs/day x 7 days =hrs/week
Personal (showers, hair, etc.)	hrs/day x 7 days =hrs/week
Eating (including prep & clean-up)	hrs/day x 7 days =hrs/week
Travel to/from U of M	hrs/week
Travel to/from work	hrs/week
Work	hrs/week
Activities (volunteering, clubs, etc.)	hrs/week
Exercise/Sports	hrs/week
Leisure Time (TV, internet, etc.)	hrs/week
Errands/Housework/Laundry/etc.	hrs/week
Friends/Partner/Kids	hrs/week
Classes and Labs Each course you take requires 3 hours of class time per week, plus any lab time scheduled; i.e. 4 courses: 4×3 hrs = 12 hrs per week of class attendance.	hrs/week
Study Time You are advised to follow the 2:1 study rule; this means that for every hour you are in class you need to spend 2 hours of studying, i.e. 12 hrs per week in class x 2 hours = 24 hours of study time.	hrs/week
Total # of Hours spent on activities	
Number of Hours in a Week (24 hrs x 7 days)	168 hours/week
Less Total # of Hours spent on activities	
TOTAL	hours/week

If you ended up with a negative number, you have run out of time in the week! Which activities can you cut back on? Are you sacrificing study time for other activities?

If you have extra time, use it wisely. Time can be easily wasted when you think you have a lot of it.

For time management help, visit: Academic Learning Centre, 201 Tier Building

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