Guidelines for Online Learning Equivalent Instructional Activities (EIA's)

Activity	Description	Instructional Hours
Blogs, Journals, Wikis	Instructor guided activity for students to apply learned	1 posting (requires reading all postings) = ½ hr. instruction
	concepts, reflect on learning experiences, relate practices to	1 posting (requires reading all postings and reply to a minimum of 5) = 1 hr.
	personal experiences, and/or apply higher order analytic	instruction
	skills. Such work is shared with instructor and classmates for	
	thoughtful analysis, discussion and feedback. Can be used	
	for class or group projects or feedback after classroom	
	instruction.	
Discussion Boards/	Instructor-guided or mediated threaded discussion that	1 posting (requires reading all postings) = ½ hr. instruction
VoiceThread Discussions	directly relate to course objectives and which has specified	1 posting (requires reading all postings and reply to a minimum of 5) = 1 hr.
	timeframes, expectations for participation, and thoughtful	instruction
	analysis. Can be used for class or group projects or feedback	
	after classroom instruction.	
Chat Rooms	Instructor guided synchronous learning with specific	1 hour chat = 1 hr. instruction
	expectations for student participation and feedback as well	
	as possible asynchronous learning where post-review and	
	discussion posts can assist in reflection. Can be used for	
	class or group projects or feedback after classroom	
	instruction	
Reflection Paper or Article	Instructor-guided activity for students to apply learned	1 shared posting (required to read all classmates' postings) = 1 hr. instruction
Review	concepts and relate practices to personal experiences or	1 private posting = ½ hr. instruction
	apply higher order analytic skills in assessing scholarly	
	articles or professional journals. Such work is posted,	
	reviewed and shared, with required student-to-student	
	and/or instructor-to-student feedback.	
Case Studies & Problem	Examination and exploration requiring utilization of critical	1 shared posting (required to read all classmates' postings) = 1 hr. instruction
Solving Scenarios	thinking skills which relate to course objectives. Analysis is	1 private posting = ½ hr. instruction
	shared with instructor and/or class with posts.	
Online quizzes/exams	Opportunity for instructor to assess student's knowledge	1 hour test = 1 hr. instruction
	and/or skills related to course learning objectives.	
Asynchronous Student	Student-created posted presentations, videos, etc. that	1 shared posting (required to view all classmates' postings) = 1 hr. instruction
Presentation	serve as a substitute for in-class presentation time.	1 private posting = ½ hr. instruction
	Presentation is shared with instructor and/or class with	
	posts.	

Asynchronous Lecture	Instructor-created posted presentations, videos, etc. that serve as a substitute for in-class time to expand upon and clarify course concepts and objectives	Estimated time to view instruction = instructional time
Field Trip or Tours (includes Virtual tours)	Students participate as individuals or in groups in analyzing a scenario, situation, site or activity, and preparing a paper or presentation, to be shared in whole or in part with instructor and/or classmates.	1 hr. tour plus reflection paper = 1 hr. instruction
Service Learning Project	Instructor mediated service project aligned with specific course/program learning objectives that integrates community service with academic study. Instructor provides guidance/support/feedback to student and student shares experience and reflection with instructor via emails, chat rooms, discussion boards, and/or face-to-face. Students may also be asked to share experience and reflection with classmates.	1 hr. per week for duration of project
Group Project	An instructor-mediated culminating activity with specific learning objectives; students collaborate via email, chat rooms, discussion boards, and/or face-to-face contact to research, analyze, synthesize & prepare project with instructor receiving periodic updates & providing guidance to group.	1 hr. per week for duration of project
Guided Project	An instructor-mediated culminating individual project with specific learning objectives; student & facilitator collaborate via email, chat, discussion boards, and/or face-to-face to research, analyze, synthesize & prepare project with instructor receiving periodic updates and providing guidance and feedback.	1 hr. per week for duration of project