**Note:** The following are ***minimum*** standards. These are not ***ideal*** standards.

**General guide:** You should be spending at least as much time giving RSI in an online course as you would in a live course.

1. **Assurance of Regularity.** All courses will have at least one RSI activity a week.
	* **Two weeks** may be waved for 16-week courses. **One week** may be waved for an 8-week course.
		+ This means 7/8 weeks for an 8-week course, and 14/16 weeks for a 16 week course.
2. **Core RSI activities.** Activities that provide an opportunity for RSI should be available for at least 7/8 weeks of an 8 week course and 14/16 weeks for a 16 week course.
	* **RSI activities may include:**
		+ **Individualized feedback on student papers**. This might take the form of any of the following…
			- A detailed rubric and/or
			- Written/text comments to students.
			- Audio or video feedback given to individual students.
		+ **Feedback on quizzes/tests:** This might take the form of any of the following…
			- Feedback in the form of pre-stored commentary for right/wrong answers (Canvas feature).
			- Individual written feedback in comment boxes.
			- Audio or video feedback given to individual students.
		+ **Discussion forums** in which professors/instructors provide feedback to students. Discussion forum RSI can take the form of any of the following…
			- Written comments to students.
			- Written or audio/video feedback as describe in section 3.
			- Canvas rubric feedback, but this should not be the sole form of interaction with students in the forums.
			- **Note: Discussion Forum Requirement:**
				* **Discussion forums** are especially useful for philosophy courses, and *any online philosophy courses should provide a discussion forum activity most (more than half) of the weeks of any semester.*
				* Some instructors may have discussion forum assignments that last multiple weeks, so this standard does not specify a minimum number of *assignments*. However, any active discussion assignment should expect a student to post during each week that it counts for RSI. Thus a two week forum assignment should require at least two posts by each student in order to count as an RSI activity for two weeks of the course.
3. **Volume of RSI Contact:** *At least one* of the following RSI conditions should be met for 7/8 weeks of an 8 week course and 14/16 weeks for a 16 week course.
	* **Discussion Forums: To count as RSI for a week, a discussion forum must include…**
		+ **Instructor interaction with 25% of students who post their assignments on time.**
			- This can be written or audio/video feedback or both.
			- “On time” is understood to mean the official deadline for the assignment, even if that assignment is accepted late for partial credit.
			- For courses which have fewer than 40 students, instructors should give feedback to 50% of students who have posted their assignments on time.
	* **Quizzes/tests: To count as RSI for a week, a quiz should include at least one of the following…**
		+ Pre-written feedback for right/wrong answers via the Canvas system for all students who take the quiz/test.
		+ Comments, such as those written in comment boxes, for most (more than half) of the students who take the quiz/test.
		+ Audio or video feedback for most of the students who take the quiz.
	* **Papers:**
		+ Papers should provide *substantial* feedback to students. Though the nature of this feedback may vary according to the assignment, students should be provided with enough feedback for them to understand the most important areas in which they excelled and/or needed improvement. This might be done by any of the following methods…
			- A detailed rubric.
			- Individualized written feedback is highly encouraged.
				* At least some written feedback is highly encouraged for substantial written assignments (750 words or more). Some such commentary is required in order to count for RSI for papers of substantial length.
			- Audio or video feedback.
	* **Note:** Sometimes instructors may have assigned more than one of the above activities during a single week of the course. In such cases, the instructor can meet the RSI requirements for that week by providing RSI as describe above for ***any*** ***one*** of these assignments. Of course, doing so for multiple assignments is encouraged.
		+ **Example:** Instructor feedback to students for a weekly forum assignment might be reduced during a week during which that instructor is providing large amounts of written feedback on a paper for the same class.