

Policy on Uniform Credit Points

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Guiding Principles

- A standard unit in an undergraduate degree shall consist of six credit points.
- Credit Points shall be related to student workload
- One credit point is approximately equal to twenty-five (25) hours of total student workload. It is recognised that the split between staff contact hours and study time shall differ from discipline to discipline.
- All undergraduate degrees will be structured on the basis of 48 credit points comprising the full time workload for each year of study (giving a total of 144 credit points for a three year degree, 192 credit points for four year degrees and 240 credit points for five year degrees).
- These principles do not preclude logical division (modularisation) or multiples of units where appropriate.
- All other awards of the University will conform to the principles determined above

Definition

A credit point is an indicator of the amount of work required in a unit and represents a workload of twenty five hours per semester for an average student. This means that a six credit point unit, for example, carries with it the expectation that 150 hours of work will be done by an average student in the unit throughout the semester. These 150 hours include both class contact hours and time spent on study associated with the unit. A full time student would normally undertake a 24 credit point workload per semester.