

Credit Point and Student Workload Policy

Section 1 - Overview

(1) This policy provides the basis for the allocation of credit-point values to units and the associated student workload hours assumed within a unit. This policy dates from the 1997 Uniform Credit Point Policy that standardised all UNE undergraduate courses as having 48 credit points as the normal annual full-time study load typically comprising eight 6 credit-point units or multiples of six, such as two 24 credit-point units. Since 1997, this policy has also been applied to coursework postgraduate courses and those higher degrees by research that are structured on a credit-point basis.

Section 2 - Scope

(2) This policy applies to all UNE undergraduate units excepting practicum, praxis and equivalent units, and units used for the recording of research study of PhD students.

Section 3 - Policy

(3) The following will apply:

- a. A standard unit in an undergraduate course shall consist of six credit points.
- b. Credit points shall be related to student workload.
- c. One credit point is approximately equal to twenty-five (25) hours of total student workload.
- d. It is recognised that the split between staff contact hours and study time shall differ from discipline to discipline.
- e. 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).
- f. These principles do not preclude logical division (modularisation) or multiples of units where appropriate.

Section 4 - Definitions

(4) A credit point is an indicator of the amount of work required in a unit and represents a workload of approximately twenty-five hours per teaching period. This means that a six credit-point unit, for example, is estimated to require a total workload of approximately 150 hours.

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