

Guidelines study load

Every degree programme is expressed in European Credits (ECTS). The value in ECTS represents the total amount of time, preparation included, that a course will take. A student that passes the exam of a course will be granted the mentioned amount of ECTS. These ECTS that have been awarded to the courses can only be granted once.

One European Credit stands for 28 hours of work. The study load of an academic year is 60 ECTS (1680 hours of work), including study related activities, like taking examinations and finding materials in libraries.

The Faculty assumes that a bachelor student can study 6 pages of literature of medium difficulty in one hour or 4 pages of jurisprudence/case law. A lecture of one hour, including the preparation and/or reviewing takes one-and-a-half hours. Considering the total annual study load of 60 ECTS, as mentioned above, a student will be able to obtain an average of 30 ECTS per semester.

Table as guideline for calculating the study load of bachelor programmes (6 pages per hour, 7 weeks of lectures)

ECTS (Study hours)		10 (280 hours)	9 (252 hours)	8 (224 hours)	7 (196 hours)	6 (168 hours)	5 (140 hours)	4 (112 hours)	3 (84 hours)	2 (56 hours)
		Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.
Hours of class	0	1680	1512	1344	1176	1008	840	672	504	336
	2	1563	1395	1227	1059	891	723	555	387	219
	4	1446	1278	1110	942	774	606	438	270	102
	6	1329	1161	993	825	657	489	321	153	
	8	1212	1044	876	708	540	372	204	36	

Table as guideline for calculating the study load of master programmes (7 pages per hour, 7 weeks of lectures)

ECTS (Study hours)		7 (196 hours)	6 (168 hours)	5 (140 hours)	4 (112 hours)	3 (84 hours)
		Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.	Pages lit.

Hours of class	0	1372	1176	980	784	588
	2	1236	1040	844	648	452
	4	1099	903	707	511	315
	6	963	767	571	375	179
	8	826	630	434	238	42

It is emphasized strongly that these are merely guidelines concerning the calculation of the study load of the number of lecture hours and amount of obligatory literature; primarily it is reviewed how much time a regular student would need to use to study a certain course. If the guidelines are clearly exceeded, a student can communicate this to the Curriculum Committee of that degree programme.