

Calculating study load

The study load of subjects is expressed in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). One ECTS is equal to 28 hours of study.

Bachelor's and Master's degree course subjects have a study load of either 5 ECTS or 10 ECTS, which is equal to 140 (5 x 28 hours) and 280 (10 x 28 hours) study load hours, respectively.

The total study load for a three-year Bachelor's degree course is 180 ECTS (3 x 60 ECTS).

The one-year Master's degree course has a study load of 60 ECTS, of which 20 ECTS are reserved for the Master's thesis. The other components have a study load of either 5 ECTS or 10 ECTS.

The study load of each subject has been calculated based on the general standard for studying literature: five pages of literature per hour. If literature does not need to be studied thoroughly, but need only be read, a standard of six to seven pages per hour applies. The study load is of course also determined by a range of different assignments set in order to encourage active processing of the course materials (e.g. written assignment, speech, essay, review, discussion preparations, etc.). The time spent in lectures is also included in the total study load.

An example calculation of study load for a 10-ECTS (= 280 hours) first-year subject

- Lectures: two hours per week for eight weeks	16 hours
- Tutorials: two hours twice weekly for eight weeks	32 hours
- Tutorials (preparation): four hours per tutorial (16 tutorials)	64 hours
- Specific assignments: four six-hour assignments	24 hours
- Excursion	4 hours
- Library/archive assignment	4 hours
- Required literature: 665 pages at five pages per hour	133 hours
- Written examination	3 hours

Total	280 hours

An example calculation of study load for a 5-ECTS (= 140 hours) second/third-year theme subject

- Tutorials: two hours per week for eight weeks	16 hours
- Tutorials (preparation): three hours per tutorial (eight tutorials)	24 hours
- Required literature: 350 pages at five pages per hour	70 hours
- Paper	30 hours

Total	140 hours

The calculation of the study load for each separate subject is outlined in the study manual. This study manual will be posted on Blackboard two weeks before the lecture first session. A printed version will also be distributed during the first lecture.