

Recommended Full Academic Load for Exchange – Host Institutions

Guidance on Full-Time Study Load for Exchange Students

The following table serves as a guide for College staff and students regarding the credit points required to achieve the equivalent of a standard full-time study load at Flinders University when participating in an Exchange Program abroad.

Full-Time Enrolment Requirements

While on exchange, Flinders students must:

- Maintain a full-time enrolment status at Flinders (minimum 13.5 units per semester).
- Register for a standard full-time academic load at the host university.

Your enrolment at the host university must be recognised as full-time to meet both exchange program requirements and host country regulations. Any variation from this requirement must be approved by your College prior to undertaking the exchange.

Terminology Differences

Please note that host universities may use different terminology than Flinders. For example:

- **Topics** may be referred to as: *courses, modules, units, subjects, papers*.
- **Credit points** may be referred to as: *units, credits, credit hours, ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)*.

The relevant College will make the final determination on what constitutes a full-time load at the host university.

Important Notes

- This information is based on historical approvals and is updated periodically.
- It should be used as a guide or predictor of future credit arrangements.
- The guide is primarily intended for Undergraduate students.
- For Postgraduate course equivalency, please seek additional advice from the host university or the Global Experience team.

If you notice any inconsistencies or require further clarification, please contact:

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University	Unit value	Full-Time Study Load Requirements per Semester
Argentina		
University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires	Each topic is 3-4 US credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Austria		
Johannes Kepler University, Linz	Each topic is worth between 1- 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units, 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units

Canada		
Carleton University, Ottawa	Each topic is worth 0.5 credits	2.5 credits = 18 units 2.0 credit=13.5 units
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver	Each topic is worth 3, 4 or 5 units	15 units = 18 units 12 units = 13.5 units
University of Calgary, Calgary	Each topic is worth 3 or 4 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg	Each topic is worth 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
York University, Toronto	Each topic is worth 3, 6 or 9 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
China		
China Central Normal University *	Topic equivalency can vary based on degree, year level.	8-15 courses per semester = Full time load Contact GE team for more info
Nankai University, Tianjin *	Each topic is usually 2 credits. 3-4 credits = 4.5 units	15-17 credits = 18 units 12-14 credits = 13.5 units
France		
National Institute for Applied Sciences, Lyon	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
The Catholic University of Lyon (ESDES), Lyon	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
University of Tours, Loire Valley	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
IMT Atlantique	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
CentraleSupélec, Paris-Saclay	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
Finland		
Tampere University, Tampere	Each topic is 1-10 credits 5 credits = 4.5 units	20 credits = 30 ECTS which equals 18 units 15 credits = 13.5 units
Germany		
European University Viadrina, Frankfurt an der oder	Each topic is worth 3, 6 or 9 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units
University of Applied Sciences, Osnabrueck	Each topic is worth 5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units
Hong Kong		
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Each topic is worth 6 HKU credits	30 HKU credits = 18 units
Hong Kong Polytechnic	Each topic 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Iceland		
University of Iceland	Each topic is worth 7.5	30 ECTS = 18 units

	ECTS credits	22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
India		
Manipal University, Manipal	Each topic entails 30-40 hours of lecture and 30-40 hours of practical	4 subjects=18 units 3 subjects=13.5 units
Indonesia		
Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta	Each topic is worth 2 or 3 credits	15 credits (5 courses at 3 credits) = 18 units
Italy		
University of Bologna, Bologna	Each topic is worth between 4- 10 ECTS	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
Japan		
Chuo University, Tokyo	Each topic is worth 1, 2, 3 or 4 credits.	16 credits=18 units
Hiroshima University, Hiroshima	Each topic is worth 2 credits.	14 credits = 18 units
Malaysia		
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Kuala Lumpur	Each topic is worth between 3-4 credits	18 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang	Each topic is worth between 3-4 credits	12 credits = 18 units 9 credits = 13.5 units
Netherlands		
Maastricht University, Maastricht	Each topic is worth 6 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
Utrecht University, Utrecht	Each topic is worth 3-15 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
Norway		
BI Norwegian School of Management, Oslo	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
Singapore		
Nanyang Technological University	Each topic is worth 3 or 4 AUs	15 AU (of 3 AU) or 20 AU (of 4 AU) = 18 units 5 courses=18 units
LASALLE University	Each Topic is worth 15 to 30 credits	60 credits = 18 units 45 credits = 13.5 units
South Korea		
Kyung Hee University, Seoul	Each topic is usually 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Spain		
Rovira i Virgili University	Each course is worth 3-12 ECTS	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
University of Deusto	Each course is worth 6 ECTS	30 ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
Sweden		
Malmo University, Malmo	Each topic is worth 7.5, 15 or 30 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units

Stockholm University, Stockholm	Each topic is worth 7.5 ECTS credits	30 ECTS = 18 units
Switzerland		
School of Management Fribourg Switzerland	Each topic is worth 3-5 ECTS credits	ECTS = 18 units 22.5 ECTS = 13.5 units
United Kingdom		
Keele University, Staffordshire	Each topic is worth 15 CATS	60 CATS or 30 ECTS = 18 units
Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester	Each undergraduate topic is worth 15 credits	60 credits (30 ECTS) = 18 units
Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London (RHUL), London	Each topic is worth 15 -30 credits	60 credits = 18 units, 45 credits = 13.5 units
University College of London (UCL)	Each topic is 0.5 CU or 1 CU 0.5 CU=4 US credits or 7.5 ECTS	2 CU = 18 units
University of East Anglia, Norwich	Each topic is worth 20 UCUs	60 UCUs (30 ECTS) = 18 units
University of Leicester	Each topic is worth 10, 20 or 30 Leicester credits.	60 Leicester credits (30 ECTS) = 18 units
University of Stirling, Scotland	Each topic is worth 20 SCQF	60 SCQF (30 ECTS) = 18 units
United States		
Butler University, Indianapolis	Each topic is worth 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Columbia College Chicago	Each topic is worth 3 or 4 credits	15 or 16 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
East Carolina University	Each topic is worth 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
James Madison University, Virginia	Each topic is worth 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Montana State University, Bozeman	Each topic is worth 3 or 4 credits.	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff	Each topic is worth 3, 4 or 5 credits	15 or 16 credits=18 units 12 credits =13.5 units
Pacific University, Portland	Each topic is worth 4 credits	16 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque	Each topic is worth 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
University of Rhode Island	Each topic is worth 3 credits	15 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units
Washington & Jefferson College, Pennsylvania	Each topic is worth 4 credits	16 credits = 18 units 12 credits = 13.5 units

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**New Partner = Credit equivalency to be confirmed*