

# EFTSL VALUES FOR UNITS OF STUDY

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### **What is 'EFTSL'?**

'EFTSL', or "Equivalent Full Time Student Load", is a measure of the standard annual full time study load for a student who is enrolled in a course of study. A standard annual full time study load has an EFTSL value of **1.0**.

The EFTSL value of a unit of study is the proportion of a standard full time student load for an academic year that would be undertaken by a student enrolled in that unit of study: for example, if the standard annual full time load in a course is eight units of study, each unit of study will have an EFTSL value of one-eighth of the annual full time load. This is one-eighth of 1.0, which gives each unit of study an EFTSL value of 0.125.

### **EFTSL values and credit points**

CHC's internal system for representing the workload of a unit of study is its *credit point weighting*.

A standard CHC unit carries a weighting of 10 credit points (cp) and has an EFTSL value of 0.125. The exception to this are units that are undertaken in the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) (ED25), which carry a weighting of 10 credit points and have an EFTSL value of 0.1 (see below).

A number of CHC units of study have higher credit point weightings: either 20 credit points or 30 credit points. A 20 credit point unit has an EFTSL value of 0.25 (2 x 0.125), and a 30 credit point unit has an EFTSL value 0.375 (3 x 0.125).

### **EFTSL value of units undertaken in CHC courses**

All standard units of study undertaken in CHC courses have an EFTSL value of 0.125. This means that **eight** units of study (80 credit points) per year, or **four** units of study (40 credit points) per semester<sup>1</sup>, is the standard full time load for these courses.

The exception to this are standard units that are undertaken in the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) (ED25), which have an EFTSL value of 0.1. This means that **10** units (100 credit points) per year, or **five** units (50 credit points) per semester<sup>1</sup>, is the normal full time load for this course.

Students who are undertaking the accelerated track of the Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts enrol in 12 units of study (120 credit points) per academic year: five units of study (50 credit points) in Semester 1, two units of study (20 credit points) in Winter Semester and five units of study (50 credit points) in Semester 2. Each unit of study retains the standard EFTSL value of 0.125, meaning that these students undertake a study load of 120 credit points, or 1.5 EFTSL, in the academic year, thereby completing the course in two academic years.

Please refer to the CHC *Student Handbook* and the *Unit Costs, Census Dates and Units on Offer* information sheets on the CHC website for further details.

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<sup>1</sup> Applies to Semesters 1 and 2 only.