

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 of study carries a weighting of 10 credit points (cp) and has an EFTSL value of 0.125.

Several CHC units of study have non-standard credit point weightings. These units of study have credit point weightings that are multiples of 10 credit points, with the EFTSL values for these units of study increasing proportionately: for example, a unit with a weighting of 20 credit points (2 x 10) has an EFTSL value of 0.25 (2 x 0.125), and a unit with a weighting of 30 credit points (3 x 10) 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 or 1.0 EFTSL) per year, or **four** units of study (40 credit points or 0.5 EFTSL) per semester¹, is the standard full-time load for courses. Where non-standard units of study are undertaken, the number of units of study that represent a standard full-time load will change accordingly, but the total EFTSL value of those units of study will not change: for example, a semester study load that includes two standard units of study of 10 credit points or 0.125 EFTSL each and one non-standard unit of study of 20 credit points or 0.25 EFTSL has a total weighting of 40 credit points and a total EFTSL value of 0.5, and thus represents a full-time load despite including three rather than four units of study.

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.

¹ Applies to Semesters 1 and 2 only.