

Higher Education expected hours of study

Your timetable on a Foundation Entry, Foundation Degree or Honours top-up course is likely to consist of:

Year 1 (Foundation Entry / Foundation Degree) full time:

- 15 hours of taught sessions per week including a 1 hour tutorial academic and pastoral session

Year 2: (Foundation Degree) full time

- 14 hours of taught sessions per week including a 1 hour tutorial academic and pastoral session

Year 3: (Honours Degree top up) full time

- 14 hours of taught sessions per week including a 1 hour tutorial academic and pastoral session

Part time years (all courses) *

- 7 hours of taught sessions per week

Please note: The **BA (Hons) Education and Professional Studies top up** full time course is 7 hours of taught sessions per week including a 1-hour tutorial academic and pastoral session, with 10 hours expected self directed study hours. The part time route is 3.5 hours of taught sessions per week with 5 hours expected self-directed hours.

* Part time students may be in-filled with full time students.

NB: hours of study may be subject to annual change (see the College Terms and Conditions 3.1a)

For Teacher Education and Maths courses please check the course page on the website.

1. Expected hours of study

The normal amount of work involved in achieving a successful outcome to your studies is to study for 10 hours per each credit you need to achieve – this includes attendance at Hugh Baird and time spent in private study.

Your modules have been designed for teaching and independent learning to be completed in a set amount of time – each credit studied requires 10 hours of study. So a 20 credit module will require you to commit to 200 learning hours and 40 credit module, 400 learning hours. Full time students study 120 credits so over each year you will study, in total, 1200 hours. The academic calendar identifies 30 study and

assessment weeks spread over two semesters of approximately 15 weeks each, so a full time students' learning should average 40 hours per week.

Part-time students study modules in exactly the same way as full-time students, you just study less at any time.

For a 20 credit module, where the taught component is 60 hours, you should spend approximately 140 hours in independent study. Occasionally you may find modules where the contact hours are greater or less than the 60-hour norm. This is because of the nature of the module but you'll find this is compensated for in other modules. However, no matter how the contact hours and independent study hours are split up, no module requires more or less than 10 hours study per credit and so you should still be spending approximately 40 hours per week in study if you are a full time student.