

## **CREDIT LOAD POLICY: POSTGRADUATE**

1. A postgraduate student is registered for Level 7 credit and is subject to the requirements of the postgraduate programme in which they are enrolled.
2. The normal credit load for a full-time postgraduate student is 10-12 US/60 UK credits per semester, and students should consult their specific programme specification.
3. The normal time-to-completion for a full-time postgraduate degree is three-four semesters, and students should consult their specific programme specification.
4. Full-time student status is considered a minimum of 8 US/40 UK credits. Any postgraduate student taking fewer credits per semester than the normal credit load is classified as a part-time student; this will affect the normal time to completion. Part-time study is only available to visa sponsored PG students who applied for a part-time student visa during admission to the University. PG students on a full-time student visa must maintain full-time student status.
5. Postgraduate courses are subject to cycling, with particular courses being timetabled only once in each academic year. Some postgraduate course options are subject to student demand.
6. The attendance of visa-holding students is rigorously monitored. The University is obliged to report any Student Visa-holding students who fall below full-time enrolment to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), unless they have a part-time visa status. The University reserves the right to alter its policies and procedures to meet any changes in UKVI regulations.

## VERSION MANAGEMENT

<b>Responsible Department: Registry Services</b>			
<b>Approving body: Academic Board</b>			
Version no.	Key Changes	Date of approval	Date of effect
001		24 July 2018	28 August 2018
002	Updated credit weightings and removed reference to Tier 4 visas.	July 2020	28 August 2020
003	Renamed to Credit Load Policy, references to courses removed, UK credits updated.	June 2022	01 September 2022
004	Added details on PT visa status	June 2024	01 Sept 2024
		<b>Restricted access?</b> <i>Tick as appropriate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	