

Student workload standards for the literature study at TUK (2014)

1. Student workload for literature study (self-tuition)

The workload of literature study is expressed in hours. The total of hours given hereby regard:

- reviewing and extracting the literature;
- the time required for rehearsing and memorizing the subject matter.

When calculating the student workload, the level of difficulty must be taken into account, c.q. the information density of the literature concerned. To this end three categories can be distinguished:

Category 1: Literature that is easy to read, with a limited information density.

It can be assumed that this category includes Dutch literature exclusively.

Student workload: 1 hour for 7 pages, or 280 pages for 1 week of study.

Category 2: Literature of an average level of difficulty and/or information density.

for example manuals and guides. This includes the more difficult Dutch texts and German or English literature that is fairly easy to read.

Student workload: 1 hour for 5 pages, or 200 pages for 1 week of study.

Category 3. Literature of a high level of difficulty and/or information density.

written in Dutch, German or English, e.g. academic magazine article.

Student workload: 1 hour for 5 pages, or 200 pages for 1 week of study.

The purpose of this distinction of categories is to indicate what the upper limit for the average student will be. In practice it may be necessary, in particular cases, to deviate somewhat from the standard.

For example:

- where reading matter, which does not require explicit rehearsal or memorization, is concerned, more pages per hour can be demanded;
- should the scope of a test be extremely large, the time required for rehearsal will relatively increase and possibly less pages per hour will then suffice;
- a densely printed page of large format can include twice as much information as a not densely printed page of a small format;
- pages of Hebrew, Greek and Latin require more hours than indicated in the third category;
- pages which must be memorized by heart (e.g. the Three Forms) also require more hours than indicated in the third category;
- pages that are difficult for bachelor 1 (category 3) can fall under the first or second category for a master's student.

2. Student workload for literature study when preparing for a lecture

Literature that is to be discussed in a (response) lecture

Category 1: 7 to 10

Category 2: 5 to 7

Category 3: 3 to 5