



EYNESBURY
COLLEGE

STUDENT LOAD MONITORING POLICY

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SECTION A - INTRODUCTION

A.1 Purpose

This policy sets out Eynesbury College's commitment to ensuring its students complete their program within the expected duration as specified in the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

A.2 Scope

This policy applies to all international students of any of the programs operated by Eynesbury College.

A.3 Definitions

Word/Term	Definition
Compassionate or compelling circumstances	Circumstances beyond the control of the student that have occurred since the student accepted an offer at Eynesbury College and have significantly impacted on the student's well-being or progress
Confirmation of Enrolment	A document issued to a student by an education provider to support and application for a student visa or to prove a student's enrolment
Equivalent full time study load	EFTSL refers to an equivalent full-time student load. Modules are given an EFTSL weighting which indicates how much the module is worth in a normal full-time year
Study load	The amount of study the student is committed to in the current teaching period

A.4 Acronyms

Abbreviation	Phrase or Word
CoE	Confirmation of Enrolment
EFTSL	Equivalent full time study load
ELICOS	English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students
HEP	Higher Education Programs
FSP	Foundation Studies Program

SECTION B - POLICY STATEMENT

B.1 Principles

Eynesbury College will monitor students' study load to ensure that they are able to complete their program within the timeframe specified on their CoE and that the study expectations are reasonable and realistic.

B.2 Policy

1 Module duration/planning

- 1.1** When planning teaching, learning and assessment activities, academic staff will take into account the total time students will need to complete all tasks required to successfully achieve the module outcomes over the duration of the module.

2 Mode of study

- 2.1** All programs are taught face to face with the provision of additional online learning materials.

3 Work commitments

- 3.1** International students are permitted to work as detailed in their visa conditions, however, they are obligated to ensure that their work commitments do not unduly impact their study.

4 Study load adjustments

- 4.1** International students may be allowed to reduce their study load if:
- there are compassionate and compelling circumstances for reducing the load
 - a reduced load is part of an intervention strategy, as determined by a member of the Academic Directorate, on a case by case basis
 - the student has studied, or plans to study, extra units in another study period
 - the student has only a few modules left to complete and these do not constitute a full-time load
 - pre-requisite units are not available in that study period
- 4.2** International students will be advised of the impact that any adjustments to their study load may have to their CoE and may be asked to contact Immigration.

5 Higher Education Programs (HEP)

- 5.1** The registered program duration of all Higher Education Programs delivered by Eynesbury College is 12 calendar months comprising three trimesters of 12 teaching weeks each.
- 5.2** The maximum study load allowed is four modules per trimester, however a student may be permitted to study up to five modules in one trimester of their program, to complete their program within the duration of their CoE. Students may elect to study fewer modules in a trimester, but international students are still required to complete their academic program within the duration of their CoE.

- 5.3** The length, depth and complexity of each module assessment task will reflect the equivalent full time study load (EFTSL) of the module.

6 Foundation Studies Programs (FSP)

- 6.1** The registered program duration of the Foundation Studies Program (FSP) is two or three study periods of 12 or 13 weeks each.
- 6.2** The student study load will be monitored to ensure that they are able to complete their program within the timeframe specified on their CoE. A minimum of three modules must be undertaken in each study period.
- 6.3** The FSP program cannot exceed three study periods in duration.

7 ELICOS Programs

- 7.1** The registered duration of programs varies from five to 60 weeks.
- 7.2** Students attend classes for 20 hours per week for the duration of their program and are expected to spend an equivalent amount of time in private study.
- 7.3** Students are enrolled in a program of suitable length at a level appropriate to their English language skills and their academic pathway (if applicable).
- 7.4** There is no provision to vary the study load of ELICOS programs.

8 Adjustment of study duration – international students

- 8.1** CoEs may be extended where there is evidence of compelling or compassionate circumstances which inhibit a student's ability to complete the program within the expected duration.
- 8.2** When a student has been granted an approved deferment or suspension of their studies the duration of their studies may be extended and a new CoE issued.
- 8.3** If a student (excluding ELICOS students) needs to increase their study workload to complete their program by a university entrance date, any adjustment to their study load must be approved by a member of the Academic Directorate. If a student finishes their program earlier than their CoE end date, upon graduation their CoE will be cancelled as an earlier completer.
- 8.4** ELICOS students are not able to increase their workload to complete their program by a university entrance date. If required to extend their English program, students need to change their university start date and will have new CoEs issued.
- 8.5** Students who gain module credit after commencing their studies will have the duration of their study adjusted accordingly and when they complete their study early their CoE will be cancelled as an early completer.

9 Appeals

- 9.1** Students who are dissatisfied with any decision may lodge an appeal in accordance with the **Student Grievances and Appeals Policy**.

SECTION C - GOVERNANCE

C.1 Responsibility

Identification	Student Load Monitoring Policy
Policy Owner	Academic Director Director of Studies
Approving Authority	Eynesbury Executive Group
Initial Issue date	February 2014
Directory Location	Policies, Eynesbury, Academic Directorate

C.2 Version Control

Current Version Number	4.0
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Privilege Level	Public

C.3 Legislative and Organisational Context

Name
ELICOS National Standards
Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS)
Higher Education Standards 2021
National Foundation Program Standards
The National Code of Practice 2018

SECTION D - PROCEDURE

D.1 Related Procedures

Student Load Monitoring Procedure

D.2 Related Policies

Student Grievances and Appeals Policy

ELICOS Academic Standing Policy

FSP Academic Standing Policy

HEP Academic Standing Policy