

ARTICLE XX.
WORKLOADS

The University offers this revised Workload proposal as part of a package that includes the University revised Titles and Classifications proposal and revised Academic Promotion proposal, both dated 4-24-26 as well as University's 4-24-26 package on Appointment and Reappointment; Appointment Notification and Security; Layoff; and Discipline and Dismissal,

Section A. General

1. The University and the Union agree that uniformity in work assignments is not achievable considering the diverse nature of each academic unit and its programs as well as other factors particular to each field of study or research. Subject to the provisions in this Article, the University will determine the number and nature of specific tasks and broad responsibilities that comprise the workload of Employees, which will generally include responsibilities in the areas of teaching, academic advising, and/or service to the department, program, School and University; research work; and/or other professional duties as set forth in this Article.
2. Each Employee's duties and responsibilities shall be reasonably encompassed by and within the parameters of the Employee's official job description, School, Division, Department, or unit policies or summaries of work expectations of the position, and/or letter of appointment. The duties and responsibilities of research and teaching Employees are only generally described in this Article.
3. Should the University wish to revise or expand an Employee's role or assign additional responsibilities to that Employee beyond those reasonably encompassed by or within the parameters of their official job description, School, Division, Department, or unit policies or summaries of work expectations of the position, and/or letter of appointment, the following shall apply:
 - a. The University must provide written notice to the Employee detailing the proposed changes.

- b. The Employee shall accept the proposed changes or request to meet with their supervisor to discuss possible alternatives.
 - c. **Temporary additions to duties.** In the event that the Employee is asked to temporarily perform duties outside their job description, School, Division, Department, or unit policies or summaries of work expectations of the position and/or letter of appointment, the supervisor and the Employee shall discuss as a consideration possible additional compensation that might be offered to the Employee depending upon circumstances.
 - d. Every Employee, however, has the right to refuse any additional responsibilities or duties that fall outside their official job description, School, Division, Department, or unit policies or summaries of work expectations of the position, and/or letter of appointment. Any Employee who chooses to decline additional work responsibilities or assignments shall not be disciplined for doing so.
 - e. **Permanent changes to positions.** Employees have a right to Union representation during any discussions with their supervisor in which their position is to be permanently revised or expanded beyond its current scope. All agreed-upon changes must be documented in writing. Nothing shall preclude the right of a supervisor to preliminarily discuss such possible changes informally with the Employee without the need for a Union representative.
 - f. It is understood that the specific duties and methods by which work is performed may evolve over time as a result of changes in technology, organizational processes, or best practices. Such evolution of duties that remain within the scope of the employee's job description, School, Division, Department, or unit policies or summaries of work expectations, and/or letter of appointment shall not, in and of itself, be considered a revision, expansion, or additional assignment for the purposes of this provision.
4. Employees shall typically not be required to be responsive to work-related communication from their supervisor outside of their regular working hours (including via email, Slack, Zoom, telephone or any other communications platform), except for a limited number of Employees who have been advised by the supervisor in advance that they may need to contact them after regular working hours or, if, in a telephone call or other synchronous electronic communication, the supervisor indicates that addressing an issue is urgent and cannot wait until the next work day.

5. Work Week for Non-Instructional Employees.

The work week for full-time non-instructional Employees will normally be thirty-five (35) hours, on average, over the course of the appointment period. However, it is understood that, as professional employees, the work schedules of Employees are not tied to a fixed number of hours per day or per week, nor are they tied to a fixed number of days per week.

It is understood that in the course of an appointment period, the number of hours worked by an Employee and the days on which such work must be performed may vary to meet seasonal needs or specific demands of the position.

Full-time and regular part-time Employees covered by this Agreement are exempt employees and do not receive overtime compensation or compensatory time off.

Supervisors shall consider in good faith reasonable requests by bargaining unit members for flexibility and adjustments to unusual, irregular, and/or non-standard working hours.

6. Professional Opportunity.

Any full-time Employee may elect to take on additional work opportunities at Harvard that may be offered to them beyond their regular full-time position, provided, however, that they receive the approval of their supervisor. Such approval will not be arbitrarily denied.

Section B. Workloads for Professional Staff Employees

The work expectations of professional staff will vary within the parameters of the general outline of duties in their particular job description, School, Division, Department, or unit policies or summaries of work expectations of the position or letter of appointment. The University shall set reasonable work hours, schedules and expectations for Professional Staff Employees' assigned work duties commensurate with their appointments.

Section C. Workloads for Research Appointments

1. This section applies to all academic research appointments, as enumerated in ARTICLE XX: TITLES & CLASSIFICATIONS. For purposes of this Article, they shall be collectively referred to as Research Employees.
2. The University shall set reasonable work hours, schedules and expectations for Research Employees' assigned work duties commensurate with their appointments.

3. Work assignments will generally involve research but may involve related tasks that assist in the overall research endeavor. For example, Research Employees may be required to perform the following services, including: contributing to lab or group research infrastructure, including assisting with grant and paper preparation, writing or reporting; developing, documenting or maintaining hardware, software, or other equipment; documenting protocols and recordkeeping; mentoring and recruitment; research tasks or meeting project milestones and compliance obligations associated with sponsored research agreements; group safety responsibilities; reading literature; serving on institutional committees; attending conferences, seminar, talks, or symposia; pursuing professional development; and other similar responsibilities.
4. Research Employees will be informed with reasonable notice of the approximate hours that they are expected to work each week. If the University requires a specific work schedule, it must be reasonable and related to the research needs. The Union also acknowledges that due to the requirements of certain research, specific hours of work including during which time of day work must take place may vary widely based upon the needs of the research projects.
5. Departments and supervisors shall normally schedule mandatory work events or meetings during standard business hours (e.g., M–F 9:00am–5:00pm). Seminars, special scientific opportunities, symposia, retreats, socials, and similar optional events may, on occasion, be scheduled outside of standard business hours.
6. Employees with research appointments shall be assigned 1.0 (100%) Full-time Equivalent (hereafter FTE) which generally is research-based work. However, nothing shall preclude the University from appointing a research employee to do both research and teaching as part of a full-time or more than full-time appointment. In such cases, the teaching component will be assigned an appropriate appointment (at some FTE level) and, if the cumulative appointment exceeds 1.0 FTE, corresponding pay shall be added to the full-time research salary.
7. Upon written request of the Employee with a research appointment and with written agreement of the Employee's supervisor, the University may grant an exception to the full-time appointment when the Employee is unable to make a full-time commitment for reasons of health or family responsibilities. Such a request must take into account extramural funding agency requirements, if any.
8. Work expectations will be prorated for Research Employees with less than a full-time appointment or less than 1.0 FTE research effort alongside teaching responsibilities.

Section D. Workloads for Teaching Appointments

1. This section applies to all Instructional Positions as enumerated in ARTICLE XX: TITLES & CLASSIFICATIONS and other Employees whose duties involve instructional work at the University. These Employees, who shall be collectively referred to for purposes of this Article as “Instructional Employees,” are appointed primarily to contribute to the University’s teaching mission.
2. Such appointments require Employees to perform academic duties as set forth herein. In addition to the primary teaching duties described in (3) below, the workload of Instructional Employees may include responsibilities in the areas of academic advising and service to the department, Division, School, and/or University, as set forth by the supervisor, department chair, or program director.
3. Generally, full-time Instructional Employees are responsible for the following, although variations in assignment may occur by department, subject to the limitations outlined in this article:
 - a. Teaching a variable number of courses or sections each year; delivering such instruction at days, times, and locations determined by the Division, department, or program; and holding office hours for such courses or sections. In determining such assignments, the department chair or program director, in their reasonable discretion, will take into consideration the nature of the courses assigned; course preparations; class size; access to instructional support from graduate teaching fellows and/or teaching assistants, and other instructional factors that are relevant to assessing the relative burden of teaching a particular course.
 - b. Developing a course syllabus, or modifying or implementing an established course syllabus, that fulfills the curricular role of the course as determined by the University
 - c. Developing coursework and assignments, or modifying or implementing established coursework and assignments, that further the educational goals established in the course syllabus
 - d. Developing tools for evaluating student progress, or modifying or implementing established tools for evaluating student progress, relative to the educational goals of the course
 - e. Grading student work and providing constructive feedback to students in a timely fashion;
 - f. Submitting grades and other requested information about students in a timely fashion in accordance with University, School, Division, and department policies.

10. Specific Workload Provisions for Certain Classifications

- a. **Annual Lecturers** ordinarily teach the equivalent of four to five ~~six five~~ courses or sections(or equivalent) per year (some departments might consider a very large course to be the equivalent of two courses), with a pro-rated teaching load for part-time Annual Lecturers. There must be curricular need and budgetary approval for the position.
- b. **FAS College Fellows** ordinarily teach three (3) courses (or equivalent) per year, as determined by their Division.
- c. **Benjamin Peirce Fellows.** In addition to their research activities, Benjamin Peirce Fellows are ordinarily expected to teach two (2) courses per year, advise, and perform limited departmental service.
- d. **Medical School Instructor.** HMS Instructors are typically researchers who meet the HMS requirements for teaching HMS learners for a minimum of 50 hours per academic year
- e. **Medical School Teaching Assistant** HMS Teaching Assistants provide course support. Course support is defined at the appointing department or unit level and will vary based on course needs. Support may include serving as laboratory section leaders, participating in course preparation and instructional design, grading, leading discussion sections, holding office hours and interacting with students.

11. Part-time teaching appointments

- a. Part-time teaching appointments may be made at any FTE level.
- b. Employees on part-time appointments may inform the relevant department chair of their availability to teach more courses in a future semester than what they have been assigned. Such requests will be considered in good faith by the chair or program director, but they shall be under no obligation to assign such additional courses. A job posting and search shall not be required to assign additional courses to any part-time Employee.
- c. Full-time Employees may only be adjusted to a part-time status during their appointment term by mutual agreement between University and Employee, or pursuant to ARTICLE XX: Layoffs.

- d. Instructional Employees teaching part-time in FAS or SEAS shall be assigned an appropriate FTE based on whatever the full-time teaching load is in that department or unit for lecturers.
12. An Instructional Employee may not be assigned more than three courses (including co- or team-taught courses) in a single semester. If an Instructional Employee is assigned to three courses in a single semester, their service expectations in that semester shall be adjusted downwards accordingly, and they may be assigned no more than two courses in the other semester of that academic year.
13. Discrete sections of the same course that meet at distinct times in a given week over the course of a semester are to each be considered one section for purposes of teaching load.
14. Nothing in this article prohibits Divisions, departments, or academic units from granting or continuing course releases to Employees, consistent with policies and/or practices within the department, academic unit, Division, or school.
15. Nothing shall preclude a Division, department, or unit from considering a certain course or section to be considered the equivalent of two courses based on class size and other relevant factors.
16. Nothing shall preclude a Division, department or unit from considering a certain course or section to be considered the equivalent of less than one standard courses based on co-instructions and other relevant factors (e.g. a standard course co-taught by two instructors may be considered the equivalent of half-a-course for each instructor.
 - a. Allocation of a course equivalency to a particular Employee shall remain in the discretion of the Divisional Dean, department chair, and/or supervisor. Each Division, department, unit, or School is encouraged to establish a published framework whereby certain instructional activities beyond teaching a course are allocated a specific FTE value. To the extent such course equivalencies are discussed or established by a faculty committee, departments are encouraged to include instructional Employees in their department as participants in such discussions.
 - b. Equivalencies that a Division, department, unit, or School might develop, in addition to the fifth assignment for Track A Lecturers and the sixth assignment for the Track B Lecturers, may include, but are not limited to, assignments such as:
 - i. Class size considerations
 - ii. Senior thesis and capstone advising
 - iii. Nanocourse

- iv. Tutorial or Independent study (with attention to number of students enrolled)
- v. Discussion section
- vi. Assisting primary instructor in course
- vii. Pre-Concentration advising and Concentration advising
- viii. Service on major departmental committee
- ix. Student recruitment, event planning, other departmental service.

17. Instructional Employees shall be informed of their FTE and the corresponding workload expectations in their appointment and reappointment letters.

18. Course cancellations.

- a. The University may cancel any course in its discretion based on student enrollment or other curriculum factors.
- b. For full-time Instructional Employees (not including Teaching Assistants or temp course instructors), there shall be no reduction in FTE as a result of the cancellation of a course by the University. However, in the event an Instructional Employee's class is cancelled, University may decide to assign the Employee an alternative course to teach or alternative work equivalent to the cancelled course. Such alternative course or work, if assigned, shall be reasonably connected to the Employee's expertise or qualifications; shall normally be assigned during the same semester as the cancelled course was to be offered but may also be assigned to a subsequent semester without additional compensation and shall be communicated to the Employee by the end of the fifth (5th) week of the semester.
- c. If a part-time Instructional Employee's (including all Teaching Assistants or Temporary Course Instructors) assigned course or section is cancelled after the formal acceptance of a written offer of appointment, or after the start of the appointment period, the department or unit shall notify the Employee of such cancellation as soon as practicable. If a course is canceled within thirty (30) days before the first day of class, or after the start of the class, and provided another alternative course assignment or, in Schools other than HDS, alternative work equivalent to the cancelled course or section cannot be made, the Employee shall be paid 40% of the compensation they would have received had the course or section not been cancelled.

19. Instructional Employees shall have the right to discuss with their appropriate supervisor, Department Chair, Divisional Dean, or the Dean's designee their workload assignments

and FTE status at any time.

20. The University reserves the right to cancel or modify courses of instruction, to change times, days, or locations of courses, and to change the course's Employee at any time subject to any restrictions in this Article.