

PROGRAMME DESIGN, APPROVAL, MONITORING AND REVIEW

1. PROGRAMMES

- 1.1 A **Programme of Studies** is an approved curriculum, which leads to an award upon successful completion.
- 1.2 Almost all Programmes offered at the University of Mauritius are structured on the credit system and are run on a semester/yearly basis. A semester is of a duration of 15 weeks (excluding exam period).
- 1.3 A Programme of Studies (e.g. BSc (Hons) Mathematics or BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering) is made up of a specified number of modules, which are drawn from one discipline or field of study or more and which often combine core modules with a range of electives from which students can choose. Each of the modules carries a certain number of credits.
- 1.4 The number of credits and contact hours for the different University awards are given in Table 1. "Contact hours" is defined as the amount of direct contact time between the student and the lecturers. Note that the number of credits and contact hours for some Programmes may differ from those indicated due to the nature of the Programmes (e.g. MBA) and/or exigencies of professional/accrediting bodies.

Table 1: Number of credits and contact hours for University awards

Type of Programme	Number of credits	Number of contact hours
3-3½ year Undergraduate Degree Award	100-120	1500-1800
4 year Undergraduate Degree Award	120-130	1800-1950
Undergraduate Diploma	60-70	900-1050
Undergraduate Certificate	30-40	450-600
Postgraduate Certificate	12-18	180-270
Postgraduate Diploma	24-30	360-450
Master's Award	36-42	540-630