

Workload Guidelines

1. Submit workload guidelines and a memo noting changes to existing guidelines.
2. Deadline for submission to online portal: **April 15, 2019.**
3. Link to online portal: <https://vpaa.unt.edu/academic-workload>
4. Workload guidelines should include, at a minimum, and in the following order:
 - I. Process for Assigning Workload
 - II. Definitions of Standard Workload Assignments
 - III. Expectations/Responsibilities within Each Workload Category
 - IV. Process for Addressing Variations

*Additional Note: Beginning fall 2019, the FIS team will request workload assignments for faculty semester by semester so that they can calculate assignments for both the academic year and calendar year. **Please align your guidelines so that there is a provision for reporting on a semester by semester basis.** For example, a chair meets with faculty in late spring (April 2019) to confirm workload assignments for the following academic year (Fall 2019/Spring 2020). In early fall (September 2019) and again in early spring (January 2020), the workload allocation is validated through FIS.*

October 16, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Associate Deans, & Department Chairs

FROM: Christy Crutsinger

This year the Provost is asking each college/department to review their workload guidelines. As your unit begins the review process, please use these basic assumptions in framing your work:

- Workload assignments must be fair, equitable and transparent and aligned with UNT Policy [06.027](#).
- Workload assignments must align with the faculty evaluation process as outlined in UNT Policy [06.007](#) and [06.004](#) (Annual Review and Faculty Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion).
- A faculty member's workload must be consistent with the department, college, and institutional mission.
- Workload assignments must remain flexible enough to allow for negotiated efforts that focus on specific activities consistent with the university mission.
- Department chairs are responsible for assigning faculty workload and are required to meet with faculty annually to discuss the workload assignment.

At a minimum, please make certain that your unit workload guidelines address the following:

1. Outline the process for assigning workload (see example Workload Agreement).
2. Define standard workload assignments (see Example Faculty Workload Tenure System/ see Example Faculty Workload Non-Tenure System).
3. Clarify the expectations/responsibilities within each workload category, including administrative workload.

KHPR Example: A normal expectation for 20% research/scholarship workload (one day on average a week) is 1-2 refereed articles per year in high-quality, peer-reviewed academic journals or an equivalency of other peer reviewed outputs. A normal expectation for 40% research/scholarship workload is 2-3 refereed articles per year in peer reviewed academic journals or an equivalency of

other peer reviewed outputs.

4. Develop process for addressing variations across the unit and making adjustments (i.e., study leaves, research buyouts, initial tenure-track appointments, coordination of multi-section courses, program coordinators, and productivity).

PADM Example: Faculty in their first year of employment at UNT may be granted a one course reduction from the normal teaching load. Program coordinators normally receive a one-course reduction for the duration of their service.

Example: The Chair may adjust teaching, research, and service loads at any point, after consulting with the faculty member, depending on emerging needs of the department and faculty productivity.

Please upload your workload guidelines and a memo outlining the changes to the [online portal](#) by **April 15, 2019**.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at christyc@unt.edu or 940.369.7911.

**Example Workload Agreement
Department X
2019-2020**

Faculty member _____ Workload Emphasis: _____

Teaching _____%

Percentage of time	Description of Proposed Activities

Research _____%

Percentage of time	Description of Proposed Activities

Service _____%

Percentage of time	Description of Proposed Activities

Administration _____%

Percentage of time	Description of Proposed Activities

Faculty signature

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Chair signature

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Table 1. Example Faculty Workloads, Tenure-System ⁺

Workload Model	% Effort
Teaching – Research/Creative Activity Balance	
3-2/3-3 course load teaching**	50-60%
Research and creative activity	30-50%
Service	10-20%
Administration	*
Teaching-Service Balance	
3-3 course load teaching**	60%
Service	30%
Research and creative activity	10%
Administration	*
Research/Creative Activity- Teaching Balance	
Research and creative activity	40-50%
2-2 course load teaching**	40%
Service	10-20%
Administration	*
Teaching Emphasis	
4-4 course load teaching**	80%
Research and creative activity	10%
Service	10%
Administration	*
Administration Emphasis	
Administration	50-70%
1/ 1-1 course teaching load**	10-20%
Research and creative activity	10-20%
Service	10%
Research Emphasis	
Research and creative activity	70-80%
1/1-1 course load teaching**	10-20%
Service	10%

⁺ Refer to [UNT Policy 06.007](#) and the [VPAA-160](#) form for examples of activities in each category.

**Please clarify in your workload guidelines the types of activities that count for administrative workload (e.g., coordinator of special programs or multi-section courses, graduate advisor, department chair).*

***Please clarify in your workload guidelines any specific weighting of teaching activities (e.g., class size, clinical courses, field experience supervision).*

Table 2. Example Faculty Workloads, Non-Tenure System⁺

Workload Model	% Effort
Teaching Emphasis	
4-4 Course Load Teaching **	80%
Service	20%
Administration	*
Teaching – Service Balance	
3-3 course load teaching**	60%
Service	40%
Administration	*
Teaching-Administration Balance	
Administration	40-50%
2-2 course load teaching**	40%
Service	10-20%
Teaching-Clinical Balance	
3-3 course lead clinical teaching/supervision **	60%
Research or professional productivity	20%
Service	20%
Research	
Research & creative activity	80-90%
Service	10-20%

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