**Workload and cred****it points**

The basic unit of the studies is a credit point. A course is scored by the assessment required to pass it. To complete the studies of one academic year( 2 semesters) requires on average contact 675 hours, which corresponds to 36 credit Hour in KSA system ( 60 ECTS credits points) (Appendix CSI02).

One credit point equals to approximately (8460 ÷ 281 ≈ 30 ) hours’ workload, including face-to-face teaching hours, individual studying, as well as preparation for and taking part in the examinations. Obligatory summary training of 2 ECTS credits is required for the Bachelor’s degrees. For training, 1 ECTS credit equals to three week’s working as an employee. The employee contract has to be at least for 18 days in 6 weeks ( three days each week) .

The Degree Program is composed so that by following the courses handbook (Appendix CSI06), the B.Sc. degree can be completed within the standard period of study (i.e., it is possible to take 60 credits per year on average), and the maximum of 75 credits is not exceeded in any year( in case 1 academic year= 3 semesters) (Appendix CSI02).

If a student conducts studies in another university or educational institute in KSA or abroad, he can request the head of the degree program to credit the studies taken elsewhere. A student can credit and replace study courses also by knowledge gained otherwise. Still, at least 80% credits of the Bachelor’s degree (including the Bachelor’s project) at MU in Appendix MU09.

**Workload and credit points in Bachelor’s Degree**

The workload for the Bachelor’s degree is presented in Table 1. The detailed workload analysis can be found in Appendix CSI08.

Table 1. Workload per Week ( 1st and 2nd ) of contact and self-study

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Study Year** | **Contact-Study per Week** | **Self-Study per Week** |
| **KSA C.H.** | **1st  Sem. semester** | **2nd Sem**. | **KSA Self** | **1st  Sem. semester** | **2nd Sem.** |
| **Preparatory Year** | 29 | 14 | 15 | 72 | 35 | 37 |
| **First Year** | 32 | 16 | 16 | 80 | 40 | 40 |
| **Second Year** | 36 | 18 | 18 | 90 | 45 | 45 |
| **Third Year** | 34 | 17 | 17 | 86 | 43 | 43 |
| **Forth Year** | 30 | 16 | 14 | 75 | 40 | 35 |
| **Total** | **161** | **81** | **80** | **403** | **203** | **200** |
| **Obligatory studies** | **762** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Elective studies** | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |

The academic year consists two semesters. The elective studies are not included to the workload analysis in Table 2, because the student can choose any courses taught at MU to the elective studies according to his interest. The Bachelor’s Project and seminar (5 ECTS cp.) is scheduled to the periods 3 and 4 in B.Sc. 3. Language studies are scheduled in the first year B.Sc.3 (24 ECTS cp.), 1 ECTS cp. Because the practical training (2 ECTS cp.) is usually completed in the summer time, the workload is included to the summary credits of the B.Sc.3.

Table 2. Workload per year( 15 weeks) ( 1st and 2nd semester )of contact and self-study

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| **Computer Science and Information Program** |
| **Study Year** | **Per Year** |  **Contact- Study** | **Self-Study** |
| **KSA C.H.** | **KSA Self** | **Total** | **ECTS cp.** | **1st  Sem. semester** | **2nd Sem**. | **1st  Sem. semester** | **2nd Sem.** |
| Prep. Year | 435 | 1080 | 1515 | 50 | 210 | 225 | 525 | 555 |
| First Year | 480 | 1200 | 1680 | 56 | 240 | 240 | 600 | 600 |
| Second Year | 540 | 1350 | 1890 | 63 | 270 | 270 | 675 | 675 |
| Third Year | 510 | 1290 | 1800 | 60 | 255 | 255 | 645 | 645 |
| Forth Year | 450 | 1125 | 1575 | 52 | 240 | 210 | 600 | 525 |
| **Total** | **2415** | **6045** | **8460** | **281** | **1215** | **1200** | **3045** | **3000** |
| **Obligatory studies** | **76** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Elective studies** | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Studies in other domestic or foreign higher education institutions can be included in the degree by application approved by the Head of Degree Program. More detailed description of the credit point system and inclusion of studies in other institutions have been presented in the University Regulations on Education and the Completion of Studies