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## **Policy on Pre-Clinical Student Workload**

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### **Policy Statement**

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Workload is defined as both the amount of scheduled classroom sessions delineated in the class calendar (both mandatory and non-mandatory) as well as the anticipated amount of time (as determined by faculty) to complete pre-session preparatory material.

In order to ensure a reasonable amount of student workload and limit the amount of scheduled time during a given week during the pre-clerkship phase of the curriculum, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Students should have three half days of independent study time per calendar week.
  2. There should be no more than 34 hours of scheduled time per week
  3. There should be no more than 8 hours of scheduled time in a given day.
  4. Pre session assigned preparation time should be limited to approximately one hour per each hour of scheduled class time.
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### **Reason for Policy/Purpose**

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To ensure a reasonable amount of student workload and limit the amount of scheduled time during a given week.

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### **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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Faculty, staff, and students

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### **Contacts**

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## **Who Approved this Policy**

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## **History/Revision Dates**

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