

The table below records supervision norms by Tripos. They have been agreed by Faculties and Departments, in consultation with Directors of Studies groups, and are intended to guide Directors of Studies on the number of supervisions a standard student might expect to receive for each year of study. The actual number of supervisions a given student receives may well vary according to paper choices and, in particular, to their individual academic needs. These norms are updated regularly and recirculated to Colleges each year. Term-time workload hours per week are shown within a range including all timetabled work such as lectures, supervisions, practicals; and including private study.									
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Arts and Humanities									
Anglo Saxon, Norse and Celtic	20-24	To be advised.	24-30	To be advised	20-24	To be advised	N/A	N/A	First years: 20-24 supervisions; Second years: 24-30; Third years: 20-24. 6 papers in a two year Part I generally with 6-8 supervisions per paper (mainly in singleton, occasionally in pairs) across the two years. Teaching is mainly through seminars in Part II; any supervisions that do occur are organised by the Department.
Archaeology Tripos	36	28-36	36	28-36	36	28-36	N/A	N/A	Students should typically expect to receive a total of approximately 120-160 hours of timetabled work during termtime each year (including roughly 6-8 supervisions per paper per year). Some courses have a compulsory practical element; in Part I this can be up to 30 hours; and 20 hours at Part II. In Part I Students are expected to undertake compulsory fieldwork of 2 weeks duration, as well as some fieldtrips. In Part IIA students undertake 5 weeks compulsory fieldwork but this takes place out of term time.
Archaeology Tripos (ANE 1 or 2 languages)	47-58	30-38	38 (1 language paper); 52 (2 language papers)	30-38	38-42 (Assyriology specialists); 38 (Egyptology specialists); 52-56 (students taking both ANE languages, depending on whether they take 2 or 3 language papers in IIB)	30-38	N/A	N/A	Students should typically expect to receive a total of approximately 180-190 hours of timetabled work during term time each year. 20 language supervisions per year per paper are required for all ANE language papers (except Sumerian, when this is offered). Supervisions for non-language options and dissertations are roughly equivalent to those for standard archaeology papers at around 6-8 per paper per year. Language supervisions are arranged by the Department and take place in groups of 2-7 (depending on the number of students). Some courses have a compulsory practical element; in Part I this can be up to 30 hours; and 20 hours at Part II. In Part I Students are expected to undertake compulsory fieldwork of 2 weeks duration, as well as some fieldtrips. In Part IIA students undertake 5 weeks compulsory fieldwork but this takes place out of term time.
Archaeology	See HSPS entry	See HSPS entry	36	28-36	36	28-36	N/A	N/A	Students should typically expect to receive a total of approximately 140-180 hours of timetabled work during term-time each year (including supervisions in Part II(A&B) with core papers usually having 32 hours of lectures each year and options papers 16 hours. Students taking papers in archaeological science and some options papers will be towards the higher end with approximately 50 hours of practicals each year included within the total for timetabled work.
Archaeology (ANE 1 or 2 languages)	See HSPS entry	See HSPS entry	38 (1 language paper); 52 (2 language papers)	30-38	38-42 (Assyriology specialists); 38 (Egyptology specialists); 52-56 (students taking both ANE languages, depending on whether they take 2 or 3 language papers in IIB)	30-38	N/A	N/A	At Part II(A&B) 20 language supervisions per year per paper are required for all ANE language papers except Sumerian (taught only in IIB, and which requires only 10 supervisions). Supervisions for non-language options and dissertations are roughly equivalent to those for standard archaeology papers at around 6-8 per paper per year. Language supervisions are arranged by the Department and take place in groups of 2-7 (depending on the number of students).

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Biological Anthropology	See HSPS entry	See HSPS entry	15-25	26-32	15-25	26-32	N/A	N/A	Students should typically expect to receive a total of approximately 120-150 hours of timetabled work during term-time each year (including supervisions in Part II(A&B) with core papers usually having 32 hours of lectures each year and options papers 16 hours. Some core and options papers include timetabled practical components and so term-time workload hours will vary depending on paper choice.
Social Anthropology	Please refer to guidance for HSPS Tripos	26-32	See comment.	26-32	See comment.	26-32	N/A	N/A	Variation with respect to different tracks, and paper choices in the HSPS Tripos makes accuracy difficult. Roughly 6-8 supervisions per paper are recommended throughout the academic year, when supervision is offered.
Architecture	~50	To be advised	~40	To be advised	~40	To be advised	N/A	N/A	Very detailed guidelines produced on expected norms for each paper. Supervisions organised by College, but studio work supervision and supervision relating to practical elements of the course organised by the Department -groups of 2-3. Part II includes project supervision.
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (East Asian Studies (Chinese & Japanese))	38	40-45	40	42-47	0	year abroad	30-40	42-47	All supervisions are organised by the Department. 1 supervision per week for each language class and 2 per term for content papers. Some of the supervisions will take place in smaller groups, others will be one on one depending on size of class etc.
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Middle Eastern Studies)	~30-45	40-42	40-55	44-46	0	year abroad	35-45	42-45	1 language supervision per week in a class of up to 3 for each language taken. 2 supervisions per term in Michaelmas and Lent Terms per content paper; some papers also offer one additional supervision in Easter Term often for revision purposes.
Classics	60	40	60	40	20	40	N/A	N/A	Part I: 2-3 supervisions per week, but this may be higher particularly for students taking optional prose/verse composition papers or requiring remedial language work. This is an access issue - additional supervisions may be required for students with particular educational needs; Part II: 5 supervisions for each of the 4 papers, one of which may be replaced by a thesis. Part II supervisions are mostly organised centrally in groups of 3 or so with 1-1 supervision for the thesis only. This information relates to the 3 year Tripos. The preliminary year would have the same contact hours and workload information as for Years 1 and 2.
Economics	50 max	35-40 (7-8 hours per paper)	40	35-40 (7-8 hours per paper)	40	35-40 (7-8 hours per paper)	N/A	N/A	Part I: Students should have a maximum of 10 supervisions for each paper, including any revision supervisions in the Easter term (this implies an overall maximum of 50 supervisions for the academic year).
									Part IIA: Students should have a maximum of 10 supervisions for each core paper, including revision supervisions in the Easter term, and a maximum of 9 (including revision supervisions) for their optional paper (this implies an overall maximum of 40 supervisions in the academic year).
									Part IIB: Students should have a maximum of 10 supervisions for Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. They should also have a maximum of 8 supervisions for each optional paper. These figures include revision supervisions in the Easter term. Students should not have more than three hours of supervision (which will be one-to-one) in total for their dissertation: this is a long-established Faculty rule and designed to ensure fairness between students. This implies an overall maximum of 40 supervisions per year.

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Education	6 per paper per year but see right.	40-48	6 per paper per year but see right.	40-48	6 per paper per year but see right.	40-48	N/A	N/A	While speed of working will vary, students can expect to work for 40-48 hours a week during term time, to include: lectures, practicals in some papers, supervisions, preparation for supervisions and private study. If compulsory work is taking longer (or less time) students are asked to talk with their DoS urgently. The norm for supervisions for Education papers is 6 supervisions per year. The exception is the Prelim Foundations to the Education Disciplines paper, for which 8 supervisions are the norm (2 for each discipline). The majority of supervisions will be in the Michaelmas and Lent terms. Students are told that workload should be not be excessive at any point. The norms for other Faculties will be available on their websites/Moodle sites for each course. Students are asked to speak to their DoS if they are experiencing conflict in terms of workload demands between subject and Education papers; and are told that they should not expect only to work in term time.
English	Total contact hours for Part I 98 (49 per year over two years) assuming a student taking a typical route through Part I involving one dissertation and one portfolio, and not taking any borrowed language options	2-3 hours classes, 4-10 hours lectures/seminars, 25-35 hours private study. A full-time working week.	Total contact hours for Part I 98 (49 per year over two years) assuming a student taking a typical route through Part I involving one dissertation and one portfolio, and not taking any borrowed language options	2-3 hours classes, 4-10 hours lectures/seminars, 25-35 hours private study. A full-time working week.	Total contact hours for Part II: one year candidates 46; two year candidates 74 (37 per year over two years)	2-3 hours classes, 4-10 hours lectures/seminars, 25-35 hours private study. A full-time working week.	N/A	N/A	Part I: P1 (Practical Criticism and Critical Practice) 35 hours; P2 (Early Medieval Literature and its contexts) 6-10 hours; P3 (English literature and its contexts 1300-1550) 8-12 hours; P4 (English literature and its contexts 1500-1700) 6-10 hours; P5 Shakespeare 5-9 hours; P6 (English literature and its contexts 1660-1700) 6-10 hours; P7A&7B (English literature and its contexts 1830-1945 / 1870-present) 6-10 hours; P8-10 (Borrowed papers from ASNC, Classics, and MML) norms set by host Faculty; dissertation (a dissertation can be substituted for either of Papers 4, 6 or 7) 4 additional to the norm set for the paper in question; portfolio (a portfolio can be substituted for either of Papers 4, 6 or 7) 2 additional hours to the norm set for the paper in question; basic revision (to cover three of Papers 2-7B not replaced by a dissertation or portfolio) 6 hours. Part II: P1 (Practical Criticism) 18 hours; P2 (Tragedy) 6-10 hours; P3 (compulsory dissertation) 4 hours; P4 (optional dissertation) 4 hours; P5-12 and 14-19 (optional papers provided in-house by the English Faculty) 6 hours; P13 (Postcolonial and related literatures) 8 hours; P20-25 (borrowable Part I English papers) as per norms set for Part I; Papers 26-43B (Borrowed papers from ASNC, Classics and MML) norms set by host Faculty; basic revision (Tragedy only) 2 hours; additional revision (for two-year Part II candidates, applicable to Papers 20-25 studies in the first year of the course) 2 hours. IMPORTANT NOTES: The Faculty makes no supervision allowance for original compositions or general writing skills. The Faculty expects all hours to be reported under specified papers, not simply under the generic Part I and Part II headings. A more detailed document outlining the finer detail of the Faculty's supervision norms is available from the Faculty should Senior Tutors wish to consult it. Faculty expectation is that students attending fewer hours of teaching will spend the higher proportion of time in private study. All students should work the equivalent of a full time working week in term and carry out academic work during the vacations.

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Geography	c. 30	c. 35-40 hours per week. A detailed written statement on student workload is included within the Department's Undergraduate Handbook, which explains this amount is built up by lectures, practicals, supervisions and self-study	c. 27-30	c. 35-40 hours per week. A detailed written statement on student workload is included within the Department's Undergraduate Handbook, which explains this amount is built up by lectures, practicals, supervisions and self-study	c. 27-30	c. 35-40 hours per week. A detailed written statement on student workload is included within the Department's Undergraduate Handbook, which explains this amount is built up by lectures, practicals, supervisions and self-study	N/A	N/A	<p>Part IA students can expect twelve supervisions for each of Paper 1 (Human Geography) and Paper 2 (Physical Geography). Material for these supervisions is suggested by lecturers for use by all supervisors/Colleges. It is up to the Director of Studies to decide how supervisions are divided amongst the topics taught on each paper. To support the necessary range of skills covered in the course, not all supervisions will be essay-based. Some may be based on data response questions, book reviews, definitions or presentations, at the discretion of the Director of Studies/supervisor. Additional revision supervisions may take place during the Easter term, usually two per paper and not necessarily essay-based. Arrangements for these will be made by Directors of Studies who can liaise with supervisors and paper coordinators. Supervisions should not be given in preparation for the submission of the five Skills and Methods projects. However, where examiners' feedback is provided for these projects, Directors of Studies are expected to return these and discuss feedback in a short one-to-one supervision. In addition to supervisions for geography papers, IA students can expect to have extra Study Skills supervisions (e.g. on essay writing, reading, preparing for examinations, etc.) which are arranged by the Colleges. Where these are specifically geographical, as opposed to generic, study skills these sessions should be claimed as geography supervisions.</p> <p>Part IB Paper 1: This paper is divided into three sections. Each student will have three supervisions, two for Geographical Concepts and one for Geographical Themes. These supervisions may take a variety of forms: essay-based, presentations, book reviews, or data response questions.</p> <p>No supervisions are to be given in support of the remaining section, Producing Geography, which is examined by means of an assessed piece of coursework. Papers 2-7 (Option papers): students</p>

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									<p><u>Papers 2-7</u> (option papers): Students can expect to have three traditional supervisions (usually small-group and essay-based) for each of their option papers, and up to two further hours per paper which will not be essay-based. These might take the form of a larger group session used to provide general support for the paper including for assessed coursework. Supervisions for the option papers are coordinated by the Department although they remain the responsibility of the Colleges (Directors of Studies). Supervisions should not be given to support individual students in preparing their assessed coursework. <u>Additional revision supervisions</u>, usually up to two hours per paper, may take place during the Easter term and arrangements for these will be made by liaison between paper coordinators, supervisors and Directors of Studies. These may take the form of one-hour essay-based supervisions and/or larger group question and answer sessions (lasting up to two hours). <u>Dissertations</u> Students are allowed four hours of formal one-to-one supervisions in support of their dissertations, spread across the second and third years and hours may be carried over from one year to the next. In addition, the Department will allocate students to larger groups (based on their proposed research methods) for a one hour group supervision in the Easter Term. Directors of Studies may give advice to students as they prepare their dissertation ideas. Directors of Studies are encouraged to organise group presentations/discussions to help their students practise their presentation skills and refine their ideas and that these should be claimed as supervision hours for geography. Under no circumstances may a member of staff, Director of Studies or graduate student (whether in the Department of Geography or any other Department or Faculty in Cambridge, or elsewhere) read, criticise or modify the content of any draft or final version of your dissertation. <u>Submitted coursework</u> for Quantitative Data Analysis Skills (Statistics and GIS/Spatial Data analysis) and Fieldtrip reports: No supervisions are to be given in support of these assessed projects. <u>Examiners'/assessors' Feedback</u> on Dissertation proposal and assessed coursework (Paper 1 and Statistics/GIS). Where feedback is provided, Directors of Studies are expected to return these and discuss feedback in a short one-to-one supervision.</p> <p>Part II: <u>Three-hour written examination papers</u>: students can expect to have four supervisions. These supervisions may be essay-based, or be based on presentations, book reviews, or data response questions. Additional revision supervisions, usually up to two hours per paper, may take place during the Easter term and arrangements for these may be made by liaison between paper coordinators, supervisors and Directors of Studies. These may take the form of one hour essay-based supervisions and/or larger group question and answer sessions (lasting up to two</p>

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History	23-42	40-48	21-33	40-48	See text	40-48	N/A	N/A	<p>The Faculty is currently undertaking a thorough review of Part I of the Tripos and its teaching norms – which is expected to result in a number of structural changes to teaching and assessment for future years. The Faculty allows supervisors to adopt a 'mixed economy' model for supervision, combining both singleton and small group supervision in the manner best suited to the specific pedagogic needs of their students and of the subject or topic they are teaching.</p> <p>Year 1 – First-years are taught throughout all three terms. The expectation is for each student to receive one supervision per week except the first week of Easter term. The minimum recommended number of supervisions is therefore 23 when these are singletons. The Faculty recommends at least four hours per term of such one-to-one supervisions. Where 'mixed economy' supervising is adopted the number of teaching hours per term may rise to 14. One 30-minute Themes & Sources supervision for Long Essay in Easter Term is compulsory. In addition, college HAP teaching usually takes place in small groups at the discretion of Directors of Studies</p> <p>Year 2 – The Faculty allows supervisors to adopt a 'mixed economy' model for supervision combining both singleton and small group supervision in the manner best suited to the specific pedagogic needs of their students and of the subject or topic they are teaching. The expectation is for each student to receive one supervision per week in Michaelmas and Lent terms and at least one revision for each of the five part I outlines papers during Easter. The minimum recommended number of supervisions is therefore 21 when these are singletons. The Faculty recommends at least four hours per term of such one-to-one supervisions. Where 'mixed economy' supervising is adopted the number of teaching hours per term may rise to 14.</p> <p>Year 3 - For History Specified subjects normally four to seven hours per term contact time in both terms. Small group teaching is normal at Part II, but singleton supervision may be desirable depending on topic or student need. The Faculty is responsible for the organisation of all Part II Specified supervision; all students taking a particular Specified Paper are offered the same level and pattern of supervision. Dissertation: students normally receive 7 hours singleton supervision College HAP teaching – small group classes the norm [except in Easter of final year]. Over all three years colleges often provide supplementary skills training including language training, writing support (in cases of special need), and feedback on any internal mock examinations. These arrangements are at the discretion of college Directors of Studies and determined on the basis of student need.</p>
History/Politics	21-24	38-43	n/a 2017-18	n/a	n/a 2017-18	n/a	N/A		Supervisors are encouraged to adopt a 'mixed economy' model for supervision combining both singleton and small group supervision in the manner best suited to the specific pedagogic needs of their students and of the subject or topic they are teaching. The expectation is for each student to receive six supervisions per paper in Michaelmas and Lent terms and at least one revision supervision for each of the 3 supervised papers during Easter. The minimum recommended number of supervisions is therefore 21.

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Human, Social and Political Sciences, Part I	28-32	To be advised.	See individual subjects for Part IIA/IIB	See individual subjects for Part IIA/IIB	See individual subjects for Part IIA/IIB	See individual subjects for Part IIA/IIB	N/A	N/A	Supervisions for Part IIA and IIB will be as listed for the individual subjects above.
History of Art	22-24	To be advised.	26-30	To be advised.	30-32	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	Part I: 1 supervision per week, in groups of 2 M&L term; 4 individual supervisions for the short dissertation (2 by the DoS, 2 by the specialist supervisor); revision supervisions in the ET. Part IIA: 1 supervision a week in pairs for M< special subjects; 1 supervision on alternate weeks for Paper 1 in pairs, M, L &ET; revision supervisions in ET. Part IIB: 1 supervision a week in pairs M< special subjects; 1 supervision on alternate weeks for Paper 2 in groups of 2-4, M, L &ET. 4 individual supervisions for the dissertation (2 by the DoS, 2 by the specialist supervisor), revision supervisions in ET.
Land Economy	40	To be advised	38-42	To be advised	33-39	To be advised	N/A	N/A	Supervisions are coordinated by the Department although they remain a formal responsibility of the college. The general pattern of supervision is different between the first year and the second and third years and also often different between different papers. Law papers may expect a higher number than other papers and some students may require more supervisions where they don't have a cognate background, especially in quantitative methods. In the Part IA, students take 4 Papers. They are expected to get 4 supervisions per paper per term in the Michaelmas and Lent terms and a further 2 in Easter. In Part IB they take 5 Papers and are expected to have between 3-5 supervisions per paper per term in Michaelmas and Lent and 1 or 2 in Easter. In Part II, they take 4 Papers and write a dissertation. Supervisions follow the same pattern as in the Part IB. For the dissertations, students would usually expect about 5 supervisions through the year. This delivers the following norms: Part 1A = 40 hours p.a., Part 1B = 38-42 hours p.a., Part II = 33-39 hours p.a.
Law	40	44-46 hours per week	50	52-54 hours per week	Variable	52-54 hours per week	N/A	N/A	10 supervisions (9 substantive, 1 revision) per paper per year, in groups of 3 or 4. Paper 14 is unsupervised as Faculty workshops are provided. Half papers are unsupervised in Part II; some teaching is offered through classes. Most supervisions are College organised, although some are organised centrally in Years II and III ("central organisation" refers to situations where the supervisors for a particular paper club together to, as a group, organise the supervisions, rather than the Faculty organising the supervisions). Dissertation supervision in Part II is organised centrally through "seminar" classes.
Linguistics	52	To be advised	32	To be advised	24-28	To be advised	N/A	N/A	13 supervisions per paper per year at Part I; 8 per paper per year at Parts IIA and IIB.
Management Studies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	20-30 hours per week	36	20-30 hours per week.	Normally 4 hours per core course, 3 per option, 6 per project group. Average group size 5 for modules, 3 for projects. Supervisions are organised by the department. A one year Tripos taken <i>either</i> in Year 3 or Year 4.

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Modern and Medieval Languages	60	40	30-50 (dependent on whether one language is taken ab initio)	40	4	N/A	34	40	Supervision provision varies depending on the combinations of languages and levels. Supervision norms have been set by the Faculty and in the interests of parity and maintaining a manageable student workload, Colleges are encouraged not to provide supplementary hours, except in the case of very specific personal needs. On average 1A students have 3 hours of supervision per week covering language and literature. Those beginning a new language (especially Russian) will need more hours than post A-level students. At 1B the weekly supervision drops by at least an hour for students who have taken both languages from A-level as all language teaching, except in the case of French, is undertaken by the Faculty. At Part II all students can expect around 1.5 hours per week. To be noted is that as of October 2016 the number of Faculty classes for Part II Translation into and from the foreign language has been doubled. No College supervision is recommended for this paper. Students during their Year Abroad should receive the equivalent of four hours of supervision to support their Year Abroad Project. It is expected that these will be mostly conducted at a distance (e.g. by email) and before the beginning of the Long Vac prior to the student's final year.
Music	42	40	~42	40	~15-35	40	N/A	N/A	Norms are set out by the Faculty Board, but supervisions are organised by Colleges. Groups of 1-4 in 1A (there will be some individual supervisions for the extended essay/composition/performance elements). For students taking the Recital option, Colleges should provide an equivalent of at least six hours of vocal/instrumental lessons as preparation for this paper; tuition is to be arranged by students themselves or through their Colleges (normally to a minimum of £420, where not otherwise covered) with advice from the Co-ordinator of Performance, where relevant. In 1B, the Faculty Board recommends individual supervision for composition, dissertation and practical papers, otherwise in groups of 2-3. Numbers of supervisions recommended vary between 4 and 8 depending on the paper. For students taking the Recital option, Colleges should provide an equivalent of at least eight hours of vocal/instrumental lessons as preparation for this paper; tuition is to be arranged by students themselves or through their Colleges (normally to a minimum of £560, where not otherwise covered) with advice from the Co-ordinator of Performance, where relevant. At Part II, numbers of supervisions overall will vary according to which papers are taken. Composition students can expect 6 individual supervisions and dissertation students can expect 4 individual supervisions. Other papers are taught by seminar only, or may include 3-4 supervisions. For students taking the Recital option, Colleges should provide an equivalent of at least ten hours of vocal/instrumental lessons as preparation for this paper; tuition is to be arranged by students themselves or through their Colleges (normally to a minimum of £700, where not otherwise covered) with advice from the Co-ordinator of Performance, where relevant.
Philosophy	20	To be advised	20	To be advised	20-24	To be advised	N/A	N/A	Part IB: students have the option to submit 2 extended essays in lieu of any 6 written papers. No more than 4 or 5 supervisions are given in total for both essays. Part II: students have the option to submit 2 extended essays in lieu of any 14 written papers; or to submit a dissertation. No more than 4 or 5 supervisions are given in total for both essays/dissertation. Supervisions for extended essays and the dissertation are 1-1. In addition, the Faculty organises for Part IA compulsory Discussion Groups and Logic Classes on alternate weeks in MT and LT; and for Part IB Discussion Groups for all core papers. The Part IB Groups are not compulsory.
Politics	See HSPS entry	See HSPS entry	24-32	46-48	18-32	46-48	N/A	N/A	Normally 6-8 hours of supervision per paper though this can vary.

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Sociology	See HSPS entry	See HSPS entry	24-32	8h lectures; 1 to 2 h supervision (24 to 32 supervisions each year, distributed on 20 weeks of term); private study variable.	18-32	8h lectures; 1 to 2 h supervision (24 to 32 supervisions each year, distributed on 20 weeks of term); private study variable.	N/A	N/A	Normally 6-8 per paper though this can vary; new supervision policy implemented from Easter 2016: Students should expect to receive 6 to 8 supervisions for each paper. Students will be expected to produce a minimum of 4 essays instead of being required to write 6 essays. While still holding the stipulated 6 supervisions, individual supervisors can decide to use some supervision sessions to read and discuss an article, ask students to present on a topic, or find other ways to address the topic in ways that are stimulating and provide a learning experience for students.
Theology and Religious Studies	32	38-42	28	42-45	28	42-45	N/A	N/A	Four per paper assessed by coursework, five/six for those examined by three hour examination. All coursework papers require singleton supervisions. 1 additional revision supervision per paper in the Easter term. Supervisions are normally organised by Colleges. Part II dissertation: 4 or 5 singleton supervisions.
Sciences									
Chemical Engineering	N/A	N/A	45	45	50	45	20-40	45	Part I and IIA: Supervisions are normally in groups of 2 or 3 on material for written exams. Average of 1 hour of supervision per 4 lectures of material for written exams. Members of the Part IIA Design Project Team can claim for up to 5 hours of supervision on the design project provided a report of each student's attendance and progress is given via CamCORS. Part IIB: DoS Committee delegates appointment of supervisors for Part IIB courses to the lecturer organising each module. Maximum of 3 hours of supervisions on a 16 lecture course (but this maximum is rarely reached in practice). Large group supervisions are acceptable. Part IIB research project - maximum of 18 hours of supervision per project, normally in pairs, provided a suitable report on progress is given via CamCORS. There is a detailed statement on expectations on workload hours in the course handbook as 45 hours is not a hard and fast figure.
Computer Science	80	48max	60	48max	40	48max	18	48max	Year 1 -one hour for every 3 to 4 lectured hours, organised by colleges. Pairs or trios, some students may require solo supervisions. (40 hours for CST, 40 for NST/PPS option & Mathematics). Year 2 - one hour for every 4 lectured hours, organised by colleges. Pairs or trios, some students may require solo supervisions. Year 3 - one hour for every 4 lectured hours, majority organised by department, some colleges do organise their own supervisions. Pairs or trios, some students may require solo supervisions (solo supervisions are always organised in co-ordination with the relevant DOS). For the Part II project, the amount of supervision is the responsibility of the DOS, depending on the student's needs and will vary between 4 and 12 hours per term. In addition, the DOS will generally spend 1-2 hours advising the student on the choice of project, and 1-2 hours reading and commenting on the dissertation before submission. Project supervisions are 1-1.
Engineering	49	To be advised.	48	To be advised.	40max	To be advised.	20max	To be advised.	Supervisions are organised by Colleges in first two year - usually in pairs, but if in 3s number may increase by 50%. In IIA, supervisions are in groups of 2-4, of a total of 40, 10 are for revision. At IIB, supervision is for the project only, and in groups of 1. Module teaching is supported by departmental examples classes.
Manufacturing Engineering	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	To be advised.	17	To be advised.	At Part I, supervisions are mostly in 3s or 4s. 30 supervisions plus an additional 10 for revision. At Part II, 8 singleton supervisions for the project only, and 9 on the industrial project in pairs.

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Mathematics	40	See right.	35-45	See right.	35-45	See right.	Normally supported by small classes of approx. 40 hours per year	See right.	Supervisions are organised by Colleges, usually in pairs. Detailed advice to supervisors, including the number of supervisions expected (4 for a 24 hour course, 3 for a 16 hour course, and 2 for a 12 hour course) are set out in the Faculty's booklet "supervisions in mathematics" available on the web. Norms are clearly set out according to the length of the lecture course. Part III courses are supported, in most cases, by small examples classes, although for some supervisions may be arranged. The Faculty of Mathematics always describes workload in terms of numbers of lectures and example sheets (each of which is appropriate for one supervision) because it is the nature of the subject that some students will be able to solve the problems very quickly and some students will take much longer. If a student is concerned that they are regularly studying for more than 48 hours per week in total then they should seek advice from their Director of Studies.
MVST/Medicine (2nd MB)	71	45	78	49	2, plus supervisions for Part II subject	See relevant Part II entry	N/A	N/A	Supervision for medical students is normally in groups of two, three or four but if Colleges wish to be innovative in the way they organise teaching, eg a mixture of smaller/larger group sizes, or having extra presentations, they are free to do so. Supervisions for courses not mentioned below do not require supervisions, but Colleges can run these on an ad hoc basis if necessary. Recommended adequate level of provision of supervision, by term (M/L/E) is as follows: HOM, MIMS: 8/8/4; FAB:9/9/4; ISBM:2/0/0; SCHI:3/3/0; PfPA:0/1/0; HNA: 6/1/0; MODA: 8/8/4; BOD: 7-8/7-8/2-4; HR: 0/8/2; NHB: 7/8/3; PfPC: 1/0/0; PfPD: 0/1/0. It must be emphasised that these are guidelines. Workload hours are likely to vary across individuals according to private study preferences, and may be higher over the examination revision period.
MVST/Veterinary Medicine (2nd Vet MB)	70	50	75	54	0, plus supervisions for Part II subject	See relevant Part II entry	N/A	N/A	Supervision for veterinary students is normally in groups of two, three or four but if Colleges wish to be innovative in the way they organise teaching, eg a mixture of smaller/larger group sizes, or having extra presentations, they are free to do so. Supervisions for courses not mentioned below do not require supervisions, but Colleges can run these on an ad hoc basis if necessary. Recommended adequate level of provision of supervision, by term (M/L/E) is as follows: HOM, MIMS: 8/8/4; VAP: 8/8/4; PAM:4/4/0; ISBM:2/0/0; MODA: 8/8/4; BOD: 7-8/7-8/2-4; VRB: 0/6/2; NAB: 8/6/3; PfVP: 0/2/0; CVB: 3/3/0. It must be emphasised that these are guidelines. Workload hours are likely to vary across individuals according to private study preferences, and may be higher over the examination revision period.
Psychology and Behavioural	24-32	To be advised.	24-32	To be advised.	24-32	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	Part I supervisions organised by Colleges. Typically 6-8 supervisions per paper, per year, dependant on optional papers taken.
Natural Sciences:									
Part IA	~80	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Typically 4 per week in pairs, College organised. Additional note for Part IA Materials Sciences IA 11-12 hours per week. Lectures 3hrs, Supervisions 1hr, Practicals 3hrs, Private study 4-5hrs.

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Part IB	N/A	N/A	~60	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Typically 3 per week in pairs, College organised. Additional note for Part IB Materials Sciences: IB 14-15 hours per week. Lectures 3hrs, Supervisions 1 hr, Practicals 3 hrs, Project work 2 hrs, Private study 5-6hrs. Additional note for IB HPS: Students are expected to attend lectures and supervisions and pursue appropriate amounts of private study and preparation work for their papers and project work both during term and in the Christmas and Easter vacations. The Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) has calculated that the average amount of scheduled teaching in full-time History and Philosophy of Science subjects at the University of Cambridge is 11 hours and 12 minutes per week, with private study of approximately 33 hours and 18 minutes per week. Therefore the average amount of work expected per week by each student during term time is around 45 hours (900 hours in total during the course of the year). NST Part IB History and Philosophy of Science is one of three options for the year (33%). Students have 60 hours of formal teaching and 24 hours of supervision, leaving 216 hours for private study and preparation for supervisions specific to HPS (approximately 10 hours per week).
Part II/III Astrophysics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	40	Typically 48 hrs/yr of examples classes	40-48 hrs/wk including self-study, lectures, supervision and classes	Part II, in pairs, organised by department; Part III 8 project supervisions. Part III courses are supported, in most cases, by examples classes, although for some supervisions may be arranged.
Part II/III Biochemistry	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34	40-45	41	40-45	Part II - Project, 8 hours of 1-1 supervisions; 6-8 specialist supervisions; and 18 general supervisions, in groups of 8-10. Part III - Project, 19 hours of 1-1 supervisions; 4 specialist supervisions; and 18 general supervisions, in groups of 8-10. For Part 1A and Part 1B we follow the appropriate MVST or NST structure in terms of contact hours and supervision norms. Students are expected to work approximately 40 hours per week. For Part II and III we expect a 40-45 hour week. A straw poll of current students agreed with this. a) Lectures – difficult to disentangle from supervision preparation in Part 1, and that supervision preparation time will include reviewing the lecture material. For Part II, students exercise discretion on which lectures to follow up in detail, so times per lecture will be very variable, but should average at 1-2 hours per lecture. For Part III where there are very few lectures we expect students to spend 1-2 hours per lecture b) Seminar - only run in Part III and would expect around 3 hours. We also expect Part II and III to attend departmental research seminars, but no additional work expected. c) Supervision 3 hours d) Dissertation Supervision - nothing in addition to the time being spent on the dissertation. We see the supervisions as an integral part of the dissertation preparation e) Practicals in Part I on average 1 hour pre and 1 hour post
Part II Biological & Biomedical Sciences	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2-4	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	2-4 project supervisions. Other supervisions vary according to subject.
Part II/III Chemistry	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	35-45	42	35-45	On request from student. At Part III, includes 12 hours one-to-one for project, remainder are variable group sizes.

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Part II/III Earth Sciences	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	~24	Pt II 10-15hrs/wk for project, 10-12 for each course, Pt III 30-35hrs/wk for project, 20-25 for course work.	~24	Pt II 10-15hrs/wk for project, 10-12 for each course, Pt III 30-35hrs/wk for project, 20-25 for course work	Approx hours based on 2 hours per core lecture module (i.e. 4-6 hours per course) at Part II and two per option at Part III. Part II Includes four hours project supervision (taken over the preceding Easter Term and Michaelmas). Part III includes 12 project supervisions in Michaelmas. It is recommended that colleges organise 4-5 general supervisions for presentation, writing and critical review skills.
Part II/III Physics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29	40-45	27	40-45	Part II - 2 project supervisions for those who choose it (c.50%), 28 per group of 3 for other work. Arranged through department. Part III - typically 6 project supervisions and 12 hours in groups of 6 for the major options, and 9 hours in groups of 6-10 for minor options. This may be in the form of supervisions or examples classes. Some are claimed from the Colleges, other are not.
Part II Genetics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	~33	Up to 48.	N/A	N/A	Approx 33 hours - 10 hours from general supervisor, 1 hour per lecture course (ie 2-4 hours per module) and 8 hours project supervision. Our expectation is that students will study for up to 48 hours per week during term time (with study time including private study, preparation for supervisions and formal teaching such as lectures). This is based on the expectation that appropriate preparatory work, and revision and consolidation, will take place over vacation periods
Part II/III History & Philosophy of Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	45	16	45	Part II - OPTION A: 4 dissertation supervisions, 4 essay supervisions, 18 supervision = 26 in groups of 2. OPTION B: 4 essay supervisions, 24 supervisions = 28 in groups of 2. Part III - include 4 dissertation supervisions. Part II: Students are expected to attend lectures and supervisions and pursue appropriate amounts of private study and preparation work for their papers and project work both during term and in the Christmas and Easter vacations. The Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) has calculated that the average amount of scheduled teaching in full-time History and Philosophy of Science subjects at the University of Cambridge is 11 hours and 12 minutes per week, with private study of approximately 33 hours and 18 minutes per week. Therefore the average amount of work expected per week by each student during term time is around 45 hours (900 hours in total during the course of the year). NST Part II History and Philosophy of Science is a full-time course. Option A students have 108 hours of formal teaching, and up to 26 hours of supervisions; Option B students have 136 hours of formal teaching and up to 28 hours of supervisions, leaving between 736 and 766 hours for private study, preparation for supervisions and project work (approximately 37 hours per week). Part III: Students are expected to attend lectures and supervisions and pursue appropriate amounts of private study and preparation work for their papers and project work both during term and in the Christmas and Easter vacations. The Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) has calculated that the average amount of scheduled teaching in full-time History and Philosophy of Science subjects at the University of Cambridge is 11 hours and 12 minutes per week, with private study of approximately 33 hours and 18 minutes per week. Therefore the average amount of work expected per week by each student during term time is around 45 hours (900 hours in total during the course of the year). NST Part III History and Philosophy of Science is a full-time course. Students have 22 hours of formal teaching and up to 13 hours of supervision, leaving 863 hours free for private study and preparation for supervisions (43 hours per week).

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Part II/III Materials Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	~32-35	See right.	~30-33	See right.	Part II - Typically 28 standard supervisions based on lecture course content in groups of 2 or 3. Additionally up to 4 hours per group of 4-5 for the project and up to 3 further general supervisions in groups of 6-8. Part III - Typically ~18 standard supervisions based on lecture course content in groups of ~3. Additionally up to 12 hours in a "group" of 1 for the project and up to 3 further general supervisions in groups of 6-8. Workload: Part II 40-44 hours per week. Lectures 7 hrs, Supervisions 2 hrs, Practicals 3hrs, Project work 6hrs, Examples classes 2hrs, Private study 20-24hrs. Part III 40-44 hours per week. Lectures 10hrs, Supervisions 1 hr, Project work 10-12hrs, Examples classes 1hr, Private study 18-20 hrs.
Part II Neuroscience	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12+	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	8 project supervisions, plus a minimum of 4 per student general supervisions
Part II Pathology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14+	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	Project students receive in excess of 14 hours one to one supervision with their project supervisor. Dissertation students receive between 2 to 4 hours one to one supervision. Seminars, question and answer sessions, tutorial workshops and mini-symposium sessions are also timetabled. The nature of these will vary depending upon which Option choices are studied. Standard supervisions covering lecture material are provided on a request basis. Students are required to organize these in groups with the lecturers concerned.
Part II Pharmacology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16-20	See statement right.	N/A	N/A	8 project supervisions; 8 in discussion groups of 10, plus variable numbers of supervisions on request. The Department does not wish to prescribe the number of private study hours as student needs vary. However a student should contact their Departmental Advisor or the Course Organiser if their study hours exceed 48 hours per week.
Part II Physical Sciences	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2-4	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	2-4 project supervisions, up to 14 for Half subject, up to 25 for IB subject
Part II Physiology, Development & Neuroscience	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	16 project supervisions (4 hours for BBS project) and 8 hours for other work. These they arrange themselves with the lecturers. Other teaching is provided through departmentally organised journal clubs, workshops and Q&A sessions.
Part II Plant Sciences	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	See right.	N/A	N/A	The Part II Plant Sciences core workload comprises six hours of lectures/workshops per week and a recommended 16 hours a week of practical work. Practical work concludes in at the division of Lent Term. Students are advised to take an hour of supervision for every six lectures. Two hours of supervisions should be undertaken in Michaelmas term to support writing the Critical Review Essay. There is no limit on the number of supervisions that can be requested to support project work. The Department does not wish to prescribe the number of private study hours as student needs vary. However a student should contact their Departmental Advisor or the Course Organiser if their workload exceeds 48 hours per week.
Part II Psychology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	To be advised.	N/A	N/A	8 project supervisions plus 20 for other work. These are organised by the student with the lecturers concerned.
Part III Systems Biology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47	To be advised.	17 project supervisions, plus 30 other supervisions in groups of 6.
Part II Zoology	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	~40	48 hours total study per week	N/A	N/A	8 or 16 (according to duration of project) project supervisions, plus department encourages 1 supervision per week per module.
Clinical Medicine	30	40	15	40	26	40	N/A	N/A	Each student may attend up to 44 supervisions per year, organised by the Clinical School. Students are not expected to return from regional placements to attend Cambridge supervisions. Supervisions for students preparing for re-sit examinations may be organised, and paid for, at the discretion of colleges. Workload expectations: 40 hours taking advantage of learning opportunities and attending scheduled teaching (wards, outpatients, lectures, seminars, supervisions) with 6 additional hours on private study.