

Policy on Pre-clerkship Work Hours

(Approved by the Curriculum Steering and Curriculum Renewal Committees, and by the Dean in 2016)

The Curriculum Renewal Committee monitors student workload, ensures coordination between courses, and avoids unplanned redundancies. Course directors submit schedules and changes in course objectives to the Curriculum Renewal Committee for approval prior to the start of each semester.

Scheduled contact hours are limited to less than 23 hours per week on average over the course of each semester in years 1 and 2. This includes scheduled lectures, laboratory sessions, small group sessions, Team Based Learning sessions, skills labs, physical diagnosis sessions, and scheduled clinical rounds. Changes in course objectives and proposed increases or significant changes in contact hours by course directors will require a brief explanation to the renewal committee of how this meets specific curricular needs.