

Agreement on working hours at the Faculty of Arts (2023-2025)

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1 General comments

This agreement has been adopted by the local management (represented by the dean) and the academic staff (represented by union representatives) at the Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University.

The agreement has the status of a local agreement on working hours within the framework of the ministerial order on job structure for academic staff at universities (order no. 1443 of 11/12/2019), which states that the university management determines the way in which tasks are allocated, and that the weighting of these tasks may vary over time. It is not possible to enter into local agreements on working hours at department or school level. See section 12 Appendix A: Current ministerial orders, circulars, agreements, guidelines and policies.

2 Basic principles and objective

This agreement on working hours applies to all tenured and fixed-term academic staff who have research responsibilities at the Faculty of Arts. The agreement specifies the standard number of working hours for tasks performed by tenured and part-time academic staff who have teaching responsibilities.

The objective of the agreement is to provide the basis of a transparent, balanced and realistic allocation of various tasks, including the provision of coherent working hours for research and academic development, and to balance the resources available to the faculty with the responsible and quality-conscious performance of the tasks in question. The agreement seeks to provide academic staff at the Faculty of Arts with uniform conditions and transparency with regard to their teaching and other tasks.

3 Standard working hours and their allocation

One year of work for a full-time member of academic staff (with five weeks of holiday and one week of special holiday) amounts to 1,643 hours or 822 hours per semester. The agreement covers the standard number of working hours for tasks relating to teaching, supervision and exams, PhD degree programmes, administration and staff recruitment, comprising 60 per cent of the working hours of full-time assistant professors, associate professors and professors (986 hours per annum/493 hours per semester). The remaining 40 per cent of their working hours (657 hours per



annum/329 hours per semester) are spent on research-related tasks and are not covered by this agreement. 80 per cent of the total working hours of full-time teaching assistant professors, teaching associate professors and research assistants with no research responsibilities (1,314 hours per annum/657 hours per semester) are allocated to registered tasks; and 20 per cent (330 hours per annum/165 hours per semester) to academic development and administration. (See section 13 Appendix B 13.1 Allocation of working hours.) In the absence of any other agreements with which they must comply, PhD students, postdocs and part-time academic staff are subject to the standard working hours specified in this agreement. (See section 13 Appendix B 13.2 PhD students, postdocs and part-time academic staff.)

4 Research, knowledge exchange, research-based public sector consultancy and research administration

Tasks relating to research, knowledge exchange, research-based public sector consultancy and research administration are not covered by this agreement. These tasks include research activities, publishing, editorial work on academic publications and peer reviews, participating in research programmes, research units and academic committees/working groups, participating actively in or planning conferences, seminars and networks, preparing and/or participating in applications for internal and external research funding and administering projects and grants, submitting applications for visiting scholars and handling their visits, and basic tasks and other administration connected with research, knowledge exchange and research-based public sector consultancy including registering activities in PURE. The overall expectation in terms of research activities is stated in the memo entitled Supervision of research at the Faculty of Arts.

5 Allocating working hours

The standard rates for working hours reflect the expected average number of hours connected to the various tasks described below in sections 7, 8, 9 and 10. The allocation of hours to specific tasks is subject to advance agreement with or the instructions of the immediate supervisor of the member of academic staff. It is not possible to enter into local agreements on standard rates for working hours which deviate from the rates specified in this agreement on working hours.



Within a framework that has been approved by the head of school, the school management team may allocate hours to the performance of tasks which are not mentioned specifically in the agreement. For instance, hours can be allocated to the performance of ad hoc tasks which support quality assurance and the development of the faculty's degree programmes, such as major revisions of academic regulations or special tasks in support of the university's quality assurance policy.

Any time spent on the performance of tasks which are funded externally is not covered by the agreement and is not registered. This applies, for example, to external assessment work, the co-supervision of PhD students at other faculties or universities, external examining and external evaluations.

6 Balancing the allocation of working hours

For each member of staff, a holistic approach must be adopted to the allocation of working hours to research, teaching and other tasks. Thus, the weighting of research, teaching and other tasks for each member of staff may vary over time. Any deficit in hours for members of staff with research responsibilities will be regarded as a postponed responsibility for teaching and other tasks, while a surplus of hours will be regarded as a postponed responsibility for research. During the annual staff development dialogue (SDD), the management and staff discuss the current situation with a view to planning the work to be done and preventing the occurrence of major, long-term imbalances. If imbalances arise in the working hours done by staff, future tasks will be planned with a view to restoring the balance. These individual agreements will be based on a holistic approach to the department's common obligations. If there is an imbalance of up to and including 986 hours, the aim is to restore the balance within a period of two years. If the imbalance is more than 986 hours, the aim is to restore the balance within a period of four years.

Special terms and conditions apply to staff employed on a fixed-term basis. The management and staff member concerned must ensure that the agreed research or development time has been used when the period of employment ends, and that the number of working hours is in balance. The work done by all PhD fellows for their school must be planned with a view to ensuring that the maximum amount of work



for the school is not exceeded (see section 12 appendix 12.5 Graduate School and section 13 Appendix B 13.2 PhD students, postdocs and part-time academic staff). Assistant professors and teaching assistant professors must not accumulate a major surplus of hours during their employment, nor may they have a surplus of hours when their employment period ends. Any deficit in working hours on transition from assistant professor/tenure-track assistant professor to associate professor, or from teaching assistant professor to teaching associate professor, will be deleted. On transition from associate professor to professor, the number of working hours registered will continue unchanged. Any surplus in working hours when staff resign their position cannot be disbursed in the form of additional salary or supplements.

The school's overall working hours balances will be discussed once a year by the faculty liaison committee and the school liaison committee. Based on a report by the head of school, the school liaison committee will discuss the school's use of hours including hours allocated to tasks which are not specified in this agreement.

6.1 Research leave and research grants

Once in roughly every seven semesters, associate professors and professors can be granted one semester of research leave which they fund themselves. Their semester responsibilities will be adjusted accordingly. Assistant professors are granted one semester of research leave funded by the school during the course of their assistant professorship. This is agreed in accordance with the policy for assistant professors at Arts. Their semester responsibilities will be adjusted accordingly. Agreements on research leave must be made with the head of department at the staff development dialogue conducted at least two semesters before it is to be held. Any agreement about research leave must take account of the department's need for teaching in the semester in question. If an assistant professorship lasts for more than three years, the teaching responsibility is adjusted from 60% to 50% during the extension in excess of three years.

For activities financed by **external funding**, the hours devoted to tasks covered by this agreement will be reduced in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the funding agreement in question. The timing of such workload reductions is subject to agreement with the head of department.



6.2 Registered absences

Registered absences (illness, the first and second day your child is ill, childcare days, parental leave etc.): The responsibilities of full-time staff during the semester concerned will be reduced by 7.4 hours for each day of absence, which will be allocated in proportion to the way in which the working hours of the member of staff concerned are allocated.

6.3 Competence development

When staff are involved in competence development relating to tasks covered by this agreement, their semester responsibilities will be adjusted by agreement with the head of school. Here are some examples of competence development: agreed participation in a Danish language course, courses for new PhD supervisors, and courses and workshops designed to maintain and develop pedagogical-didactic competences, including the university teacher-training course. No hours are registered for competence development relating to research and knowledge exchange (cf. section 4 above).

Competence development activities	Standard number of	
	working hours	
Completion of the university teacher-training	150 hours	
course (assistant professors and teaching assistant		
professors)		
Danish language course (in Danish) (tenured	By agreement	
academic staff)		

6.4 Registering working hours

Assistant professors, associate professors, professors, teaching assistant professors and teaching associate professors: the working hours spent on tasks covered by this agreement will be registered, and an accumulated account of the hours spent on these tasks will be kept. These working hours will be registered by the schools.

7 Teaching, supervision and exams

The director of studies has overall responsibility for planning and using the resources relating to the school's degree programmes and will allocate these resources to the



various tasks involved (teaching, supervision and exams). When planning each semester, the head of department and staff will discuss how to allocate the various tasks in question.

7.1 Teaching

Each lesson lasts 45 minutes. There are two categories of teaching with a preparation norm of 3 and 1.5 hours respectively to cover teaching preparation (including team meetings, using the university's digital learning platforms, drawing up teaching plans, bibliographies and compendiums, adjusting programmes, conducting evaluations etc.)

Form of teaching (timetabled lessons)	Preparation	Conversion
	norm	factor
Standard teaching (including lectures)	3 hours	4
Duplicated standard teaching in the same	1.5 hours	2.5
semester		
Teaching based on exercises in specific skills	1.5 hours	2.5
(for instance language exercises, music		
teaching), including propaedeutic courses		
Team teaching	1.5 hours	2.5
Collective supervision, including supervision in	1.5 hours	2.5
connection with		
 exams, exam projects, thesis workshops, 		
feedback on assignments etc.		
 placements and project assignments, etc. 		
 feedback on exams/re-examinations 		
 ancillary subjects such as information 		
searching and digital research		
infrastructures		
introductions to master's degree		
programmes etc.		
group working processes etc.		



Excursions, excavations etc.	By special	Max. 7.4
	agreement	hours per day

7.2 Individual supervision

Supervision activity	Preparation norm	Conversion
		factor
Individual supervision during the	0.5 hours	1.5
semester/before the exam		
Feedback after written exams	0.25 hours	1.25

7.3 Thesis supervision

Attempt	Standard number of working hours
First attempt	20 hours
Other attempts	5 hours each attempt

Hours of supervision will also be registered even if the thesis is not submitted. Even though the board of studies grants dispensation from a thesis submission deadline, this extension does not generate extra hours of supervision.

7.4 Final master's projects for professional master's degree programmes (supervision and exams)

Attempt	Standard number of working hours for	
	supervision and assessment	
First attempt	15 hours for exam and supervision when the process	
	has involved teaching	
	18 hours when the process has not involved teaching	

Even though the board of studies grants dispensation from the submission deadline for a final master's project, the extension does not generate extra hours of supervision.



7.5 Exams

The standard number of working hours applies to ordinary exams, re-examinations and all attempts to pass exams. The number of hours for written exams covers preparing exam questions, marking assignments, contacting co-examiners and discussing grades, assessments/grading and exam administration. The number of hours for oral exams covers preparing exams (including producing exam questions and reading synopses), conducting exams, discussing grades, assessments/grading and exam administration. If an internal co-examiner is used, the same standard number of hours is used as the number applying to the examiner. The assessment of whether students have complied with the prerequisites for taking an exam (of any form) does not generate any hours.

Form of examination	Standard number of working hours
Written	
Written assignments	6 minutes per page (cf. max. number of pages stated
	in the academic regulations)
Portfolio assignments	6 minutes per page (cf. max. number of pages stated
	in the academic regulations)
Master's thesis	7 hours (irrespective of the number of pages)
Prize theses	7 hours (irrespective of the number of pages)
Oral	
Oral exams	Exam duration as stated in the academic regulations
	+ half the exam duration for preparation
Other exams	
Active and satisfactory	30 minutes
participation in the	
teaching	
Entrance exam	Determined by the school



7.6 Cheating in exams (including plagiarism), complaints and appeals

Activity	Exam type	Standard number
		of working hours
Reporting cheating in exams to	Ordinary exams and	4 hours per case
the Educational Law office	re-examinations	
Reporting cheating in exams to	Theses	5 hours per case
the Educational Law office		

	Standard number of working hours
Complaints	2 hours per complaint

Appeals	Standard number of working hours
Members of board of appeals	3 hours per appeal
Chairs of board of appeals	5 hours per appeal

8 PhD programmes (5+3 and 4+4 schemes) and higher doctoral dissertations

8.1 Supervision of 5+3 and 4+4 PhD students

Supervisors	Standard number of working hours
Principal supervisor	120 hours for complete 5+3 or 4+4 PhD programmes
Co-supervisor	60 hours for complete 5+3 or 4+4 PhD programmes

PhD students on 4+4 programmes part A: thesis supervision is included in the 120 hours.

8.2 PhD dissertations: assessments and defence proceedings

Chairs of assessment committees	Standard number of working
	hours
Assessments	30 hours
Assessments of PhD dissertations submitted	By agreement with the head of
in a new, revised form (re-assessments)	graduate school and the head of
	school



8.3 Members of academic assessment committees (assessments of PhD applications)

	Standard
	number of
	working hours
PhD programmes with up to and including 35 enrolled	22 hours per
students	annum
PhD programmes with more than 35 enrolled students	30 hours per
	annum
The head of the graduate school may deem it necessary to award up to 15 hours	

extra per member per annum for programmes with a large number of applicants

8.4 Higher doctoral dissertations: Assessments and defence proceedings

Members of assessment	Standard number of working
committees	hours
Chairs	60 hours

9 Administration

9.1 Basic tasks

Basic tasks include general administrative tasks, correspondence, participating in department/school/teacher meetings, tasks relating to the use of Aarhus University's IT systems, record-keeping, maintaining teaching portfolios, and preparing, conducting and following up on staff development dialogues.

Job category	Standard number of	
	working hours per semester	
Assistant professor, associate professor and	25 hours	
professor		



Teaching assistant professor, teaching	Included in the 20 per cent
associate professor and research assistant	allocated to academic
	development

9.2 Transport

The time spent travelling to a campus other than the place of employment is calculated according to the following hourly rates.

Campus	Standard number of working hours
Aarhus/Herning	2 hours each way
Aarhus/Foulum	2 hours each way
Aarhus/Emdrup	4 hours each way

9.3 Administrative functions

The terms and conditions – including hourly compensation – for dealing with administrative management tasks for directors of studies, research programme directors and PhD programme directors are agreed by the dean and the joint union representative at faculty level but by the dean and the trade union DM for heads of department. The current agreements can be found here (in Danish).

- 9.4 Union and occupational health and safety representatives

 The terms and conditions including hourly compensation for union
 representatives and occupational health and safety representatives at the schools are
 agreed by the head of school and the school's joint union representative.
- 9.5 Councils, boards, committees and ad hoc working groups
 The terms and conditions including hourly compensation for members and chairs of permanent committees such as boards of studies, degree programme boards, the Academic Council, business committees and the diversity committee are agreed by the dean and the joint union representative. The current agreements can be found here (in Danish). Participation in ad hoc working committees at Aarhus University normally generates twice the time taken by the meeting in question. The terms and conditions relating to the nomination of external councils or committees



at ministerial level are stated in the memo entitled <u>Honorering af rådsarbejde</u> (in Danish).

10 Recruiting new members of staff

10.1 Onboarding

Hours are set aside for new tenured assistant professors, associate professors, professors, teaching assistant professors and teaching associate professors in accordance with Aarhus University's policy regarding <u>onboarding</u> for new staff at Aarhus University. No account of working hours will be kept for staff appointed during the periods 15 March-1 July and 15 October-1 February, so no hours will be registered for their onboarding.

	Standard number of working hours per semester
Onboarding in connection with new appointments at Aarhus University	20 hours

10.2 Assistant professor's supervisors

In the semester during which supervision starts, hours will be allocated for the supervision of assistant professors in accordance with the <u>policy for assistant</u> <u>professors at Arts</u>. If more than one supervisor is involved, these hours will be allocated by agreement with the head of department.

	Standard number of working hours
Assistant professor supervision	30 hours

10.3 Members of appointment and assessment committees for main academic positions

During the recruitment of new staff, tenured staff at associate professor level or above can perform tasks connected with appointment and assessment committees (as academically relevant staff representatives or chairs of assessment committees).



These tasks are outlined in <u>Guidelines regarding advertising for</u>, assessing and appointing academic staff at the Faculty of Arts.

10.3.1 Academic staff representatives on appointment committees

Job category	Standard number of working
	hours
Professorship	
For the full process	17 hours
For every 5 applicants above 20 applicants	2 hours
Associate professor/senior researcher	
For the full process	15 hours
For every 5 applicants above 20 applicants	1 hour
Assistant professor/researcher	
For the full process	13 hours
For every 5 applicants above 20 applicants	1 hour

10.3.2 Chairs of assessment committees

Job category	Standard number of working
	hours
Professorship	
For the full process (appointment and assessment committees)	50 hours
If more than 5 applicants are assessed	5 hours per assessment in excess of 5 assessments
Associate professorship	
For the full process (appointment and assessment committees)	40 hours



If more than 5 applicants are assessed	3 hours per assessment in excess of
	5 assessments
Assistant professor	
For the full process (appointment and	35 hours
assessment committees)	
If more than 5 applicants are assessed	2 hours per assessment in excess of
	5 assessments

10.4 Members of appointment or assessment committees (chairs and coassessors) for other, general positions

Job category	Standard number of working
	hours
Postdoc	5 hours per postdoc assessment +
	1 hour per applicant shortlisted
	Maximum 23 hours per
	advertisement
Research assistant	0.5 hours per applicant shortlisted
Part-time lecturer	0.5 hours per applicant
	Assessments of applicants for
	long-term appointments (3 years)
	must be agreed with the head of
	school.
Teaching assistant	0.5 hours per applicant
Teaching assistant professor	0.5 hours per applicant
Teaching associate professor	0.5 hours per applicant

11 Date of commencement and expiry, interim evaluation and termination

By agreement with the joint union representative, all three schools have been operating with the standard working hours specified in this agreement since 1 September 2022. The agreement comes into effect on 1 January 2023 and applies



until 31 December 2025. In connection with the transition to this agreement, all the hourly accounts registered under the agreement on working hours at the Faculty of Arts of 15 December 2017 (updated on 26 February 2019) will continue unchanged.

11.1 Interim evaluation of the agreement

An interim evaluation will be carried out in November/December 2023 with a view to making any necessary minor adjustments. In connection with this interim evaluation, it is possible to adjust the standards for working hours if the schools' hourly balance has improved. If it is possible to improve the schools' hourly balance, thereby releasing the necessary resources, the standard number of working hours for basic tasks will be increased as of 1 September 2024 to 30 hours per semester.

This agreement can be adjusted on an ongoing basis if the parties to the agreement agree that this should be done.

11.2 Termination of the agreement

Both parties have the option of terminating the agreement at three months' notice with effect from 31 August and 31 January respectively.

Date February 7 2023	Date February 7 2023
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Dean, Johnny Laursen	Joint union representative, Lars Bo Gundersen



12 Appendix A: Current ministerial orders, circulars, agreements, quidelines and policies

12.1 Ministerial orders (in Danish)

<u>Danish (Consolidation) Act on universities (Universitetsloven)</u>, order no. 778 of <u>07/08/2019</u>

<u>Danish</u> (Consolidation) Act on legal relations between employers and employees (*Funktionærloven*), order no. 1002 of 24/08/2017

Ministerial order on job structure for academic staff at universities, order no. 1443 of 11/12/2019

12.2 Circulars (in Danish)

Circular on the protocol for certain terms of employment for academic staff at universities (CIR1H no. 9886 of 04/11/2021)

Circular on the agreement regarding part-time lecturers and teaching assistants at universities and other institutions under the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (CIR1H no. 9271 of 16/03/2022)

Circular on teaching paid by the hour, and circular on the remuneration of coexaminers (CIR no. 12407 of 17/01/2001)

12.3 Aarhus University's policy
Staff policy at Aarhus University

University Pedagogical Programme

12.4 Policy and guidelines at the Faculty of Arts

Policies and strategies at the Faculty of Arts

Supervision of research at the Faculty of Arts



12.5 Graduate School

Guidelines: PhD students' paid work for departments (840 hours)

12.6 Ministry of Higher Education and Science (in Danish)

<u>Collective agreements</u>, <u>agreements</u> and <u>job structures applying to institutions of higher education</u>



13 Appendix B: Standard working hours and their allocation

13.1 Allocation of working hours per semester

13.1.1 Main academic positions

Job category	Degree programmes, administration, recruitment and PhD-related tasks	Research, knowledge exchange, research-based public sector consultancy and research administration
Fixed-term and tenure- track assistant professor Associate professor Professor	60% - 493 hours	40% - 329 hours

13.1.2 Other, general positions with no research responsibilities

Job category	Teaching and supervision	Academic development and basic tasks
Teaching assistant	80% - 657 hours	20% - 165 hours
professor and teaching		
associate professor		
Research assistant with		
teaching responsibilities		

13.2 PhD students, postdocs and part-time academic staff

Job category	
PhD student	Tasks are subject to the <u>Guidelines: PhD students' paid</u>
	work for departments (840 hours). The work done by all
	PhD fellows for the school must be planned with a view to
	ensuring that a balance has been achieved on completion of
	their PhD degree programme within the prescribed
	duration of their studies.
Postdoc with school	The working hours of postdocs are agreed with the head of
responsibilities	school with due consideration of the fact that the prime



	content of such positions is research, and that this type of
	appointment is often externally financed and may therefore
	be subject to particular requirements.
Part-time lecturer	The work done by staff in this category must be done within
and teaching	the number of hours for which they are employed and in
assistant	accordance with the standard number of hours specified in
	the <u>Circular on the agreement regarding part-time lecturers</u>
	and teaching assistants at universities and other institutions
	under the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (in
	Danish).
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