

College of Science
Minimum Teaching Requirement for T/TT Faculty
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Rationale

The College of Science is committed to expanding its research activity, and a necessary aspect of this expansion is a reduction in classroom teaching by research-active faculty. Among the many benefits of this commitment is the opportunity to immerse our students in learning environments led by world-class scholars. Accordingly, we embrace the principle that our research faculty should be actively engaged in the classroom. To assure that all of our faculty have this opportunity, the College has established a minimum teaching requirement for all tenured and tenure-track faculty.

Minimum Teaching Requirement

Every probationary faculty member in the College shall teach a minimum of 6 weighted teaching units (WTU) of instruction per academic year and every tenured faculty member shall teach a minimum of 3 WTU of instruction per academic year in a year in which she or he is not on leave.

Definitions and Exceptions

To count toward this minimum, the WTU of instruction must be for lecture or laboratory course(s) and must be taught during the academic year. Supervision courses are not counted towards the minimum. Self-support courses and on-line courses taught during the academic year do count towards the minimum. Department chairs or program directors are exempted from this requirement. The Dean may grant other exceptions in unusual circumstances at his or her discretion.