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# Regulations on the Procedure for Recording the Workload of Academic Staff at the National Defence Academy of Latvia

#### I. General rules

- 1. Regulations on the Procedure for Recording the Workload of Academic Staff at the National Defence Academy of Latvia (hereinafter the Procedure) has been developed to ensure a unified approach to determining the workload of academic staff at the National Defence Academy of Latvia (hereinafter the NDAL), taking into account the Law on Remuneration of State and Local Government Institution Officials and Employees, the Law on Higher Education Institutions and other related external normative acts, as well as related internal normative acts of the NDAL.
- 2. Academic staff (hereinafter referred to as "AS") for the purposes of these Regulations shall mean the elected academic staff of the Academy and visiting professors, associate visiting professors, visiting docents, visiting lecturers (hereinafter referred to as "visiting docents"), as well as senior visiting researchers, visiting researchers and visiting assistants.
- 3. The Regulations define the types, scope, planning, accounting and control procedures of the academic work of the NDAL.

#### II. Workload norming for academic staff

- 4. According to Article 27, paragraph 2 of the Law on Higher Education Institutions, the Academy conducts scientific research and participates in the education of students.
- 5. A full-time NDAL AS has a 40-hour working week. The total annual workload of the AS shall not exceed the number of hours laid down in the labour legislation.
- 6. The NDAL academic year consists of 10 months. The monthly workload of a lecturer, corresponding to one work rate, is 100 hours and consists of:

- 6.1. teaching work (work devoted to the study process and its support);
- 6.2. scientific work;
- 6.3. methodological work;
- 6.4. organizational work.

7. The ratio of lecturers' study work to research work is 75-80% to 20-25%, while for researchers it is the other way around. Workload consists of:

	Annual acad	emic workload of a lecturer work rate	corresponding to one
Academic position	One workload (total working hours per academic year)	Teaching work (classes, assignments, exams, supervision of coursework/coursework, reviewing, etc.)	Scientific work/ Methodological work/organizational work
Professor	1000	650	350
Associate Professor	1000	700	300
Docent	1000	800	200
Lecturer	1000	900	100
Education assistant	1000	950	50
Lead Researcher (Military Leadership Studies Department, hereinafter referred to as MLSD)	1000	200	800
Researcher (MLSD)	1000	250	750
Assistant (MLSD)	1000	100	900

8. The workload of the NDAL Security and Strategic Research Centre (SSRC) and the Defence Technology and Innovation Centre (DTIC) consists of:

	AS academic year workload corresponding to one workload									
Academic position	One	Teaching work (classes,	Scientific work/							
	workload	assignments, exams,	Methodological							
	(total	supervision of	work/organizational							
	working	coursework/coursework,	work							
	hours per	reviewing, etc.)								
	academic									
	year)									
Lead Researcher	1000	up to 80	920 - 1000							
Researcher	1000	up to 80	920 - 1000							
Assistant	1000	up to 80	920 - 1000							

- 9. Teaching work includes:
- 9.1. lectures, seminars, practical classes (classroom work);
- 9.2. course tests and examinations, including final examinations;

- 9.3. supervising and reviewing study, bachelor, qualification, master theses (hereinafter referred to as "theses") up to 180 hours per academic year. The maximum number of supervised theses shall not exceed 8 theses per academic year, including 4 bachelor theses or 4 diploma theses, 2 master theses and 2 master theses. The number of theses to be supervised can be changed as necessary:
- 9.3.1. 6 bachelor theses or 6 master theses if not supervising a master's thesis;
  - 9.3.2. more than 2 study papers, if not supervising a bachelor thesis;
  - 9.4. supervising student internship;
  - 9.5. tutorials;
- 9.6. preparation and control of students' independent work assignments (checking of control tests, homework, reports, etc.);
  - 9.7. administering course examinations.

10. AS teaching time norms:

Type of work	Time standards (astronomical hour)
Lectures, seminars, practical work,	1 hour (45 min. academic hour + 15
laboratory work	min. preparation)
Running a distance learning course	2 hours for 1 lesson (90 min.)
Tutorials	16 hours per semester
Pre-exam tutorials	2 hours per student group
Presentations, papers, reports	15 minutes per 1 student
(written)	
Assessment of examinations	15 min. per 1 student
Preparation of a checklist of questions	1 hour per group of students
for examinations and examinations	
Preparation of examination and	2 hours per group of students
examination tickets or tests for a	
course of study	
Supervision of study papers	8 hours for 1 paper
Supervision of diploma thesis and	12 hours for 1 thesis
qualification thesis	
Preparing the assessment of a diploma	3 hours for 1 thesis
thesis supervisor	
Supervision of a bachelor's thesis	18 hours for 1 thesis
Preparing the supervisor's assessment	3 hours for 1 thesis
of the bachelor thesis	
Reviewing of a bachelor's theses,	6 hours for 1 thesis
diploma theses and qualification	
theses	
Supervision of master's thesis	25 hours for 1 thesis
Reviewing of a master's thesis	8 hours for 1 paper
Participation in pre-defence	30 min. per 1 student
committees	

Participation in a national	30 min. per 1 student
examinations/entrance examinations	
board	
Participation in a study paper defence	30 min. per 1 student
Internship supervision	Up to 80 hours per year (see the
	Regulations on Internship)
Lectures at universities abroad	Depending on the number of hours

- 11. AS conducts scientific research and publishes in proceedings, journals, conference proceedings.
  - 12. Scientific work consists of:
  - 12.1. the scientific, research and innovation work planned in the unit;
- 12.2. the preparation, management and execution of scientific research and applied projects;
- 12.3.compiling research results, preparing conference abstracts, publications and monographs, and presenting at conferences and seminars;
  - 12.4. peer review of scientific publications;
  - 12.5. carrying out scientific examinations and reviewing papers.

#### 13. AS scientific work time norms:

Type of work	Time standards (astronomical
	hour)
Scientific publications in peer-reviewed	According to the development
scientific journals	period
Publications on progress made during the peri	According to the development
in citable or peer-reviewed journals	period
Implementing and support of scientific and ap	Depending on the development
research on demand of the MOD and NAF	period
Assessment and support of projects within the	Depending on the development
system of MOD grants	period
Participation in scientific events of internation	50 hours
importance	
conferences (with a paper presentation)	
Participation in Latvian scientific	40 hours
conferences (with a paper presentation)	
Supervision of, participating in and	Depending on the time of
evaluating national defence and security	implementation of the research
research projects/programmes	project/programme
Internationally funded research projects/	Depending on the time of
supervision, participating in the assessment,	implementation of the research
implementation or practical support of	project/programme
programmes	

Expert activities in the Latvian Science	20 hours
Council/international projects and	
programmes	
Research at a foreign university or	40 hours
at a research institute	
Patents/licenses obtained	50 hours
Preparation and publication of a scientific	Number of author sheets x 20
monograph (40 000 characters per author	hours
sheet)	
Publishing a book (one author sheet - 40	Number of author sheets x 15
000 characters)	hours
Reviewing scientific monographs	Depending on the development period
Participation in editorial boards of scientific	Depending on the development
books and monographs	period
Peer review of a scientific publication	10 hours
Additional projects (including data, public	Depending on the development
discussions, interviews, national defenc	period
activities, articles in memoirs, newspapers	
and magazines, participation in working	
groups of non-governmental organizations	
in the defence industry, etc.)	

- 14. Methodological work:
- 14.1. development of textbooks, methodological materials and teaching aids;
- 14.2. preparation for lectures, seminars, practical classes and laboratory work;
- 14.3. development of new lecture courses, e-courses, workshops, laboratory assignments;
  - 14.4. methodological support for a distance learning course;
  - 14.5. participation in methodological seminars;
  - 14.6. preparation of the study programme for licensing and accreditation;
  - 14.7. preparation of the self-evaluation of the study programme;
  - 14.8. preparation of the self-evaluation of the field of study;
  - 14.9. reaccreditation of a field of study;
- 14.10. development of regulations related to the provision of the study process.

15. Methodological work time norms:

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Type of work	Time standards
	(astronomical hour)
Preparation and publication of textbooks,	300 hours
methodological materials and lectre notes (100	
pages)	
Preparation and publication of training brochures	150 hours
and seminar materials (50 pages)	
Curriculum development (harmonization,	350 hours
expertise, approval)	
Preparation of the course description in Latvian	6 hours
Preparation of the course description in English	8 hours
Preparation of a new course of study (subject) for	100 hours
1 credit point	
Preparation of a course in the e-learning	40 hours for 1 course
environment (distance learning)	credit
Preparation of lower-level teaching materials (text	20 hours
and images) and uploading to the e-learning site	
(distance learning)	
Preparation of intermediate-level learning	50 hours
materials (text, images and simple video, audio	
files) and uploading to the e-learning site	
(distance learning)	
Preparation of high-level training material	100 hours
(interactive material, flash animation, 3D	
animation) and upload to the e-learning site	
(distance learning)	
Methodological support for e-learning (distance	10 hours for 1 course
learning)	credit
Preparation of the study programme for licensing	960 hours
and accreditation	
Preparation of the self-evaluation of the study	160 hours
programme	
Preparation of the self-evaluation of the field of	480 hours
study	
Re-accreditation of a field of study	1600 hours
Development of regulations related to the	40 hours
provision of the study process (for each	
regulation)	

- 16. Organizational work:
- 16.1. management of the study programme;
- 16.2. supervising the compulsory or optional part of the study programme (Part A and Part B);

- 16.3. module supervision;
- 16.4. service on the NDAL Senate;
- 16.5. work in the NDAL Senate committees;
- 16.6. serving on the NDAL Council of Studies;
- 16.7. participating in and chairing working groups, commissions;
- 16.8. participation in projects;
- 16.9. chairing or participating in the activities of the Commission for the organization of international conferences;
- 16.10. chairing or participating in the editorial board of scientific publications.

17. Organizational work time norms:

Type of work	Time standards (astronomical
	hour)
Running a study programme	100 hours
Responsible for the compulsory or	60 hours
optional part of the study programme	
(Part A and Part B)	
Responsible for the study module	30 hours
Work in the Constitutional Assembly,	20 hours
Senate, Senate commissions, working	
groups	
Participation in projects	50 hours or as appropriate to the
	development period
Chairing and participating in scientific	20 hours
and academic commissions or collegiate	
bodies	
Chairing or participating in the work of a	30 hours
commission of the international	
conference organization	
Chairing or participating in the editorial	10 hours
board of scientific publications	

- 18. AS plans its own professional development and that is:
- 18.1. sabbatical leave for research or to carry out research outside the place of employment;
- 18.2. completion of a professional development programme appropriate to their academic qualifications and length of service;
- 18.3. professional development programmes on innovations in the higher education system, university didactics or educational management;
  - 18.4. study of the latest scientific and methodological literature;
- 18.5. Professional development for higher education teachers may include international mobility, participation in conferences and seminars relevant to the purpose of the professional development, as evidenced by the documents submitted;

18.6. further training in foreign and Latvian universities or scientific research institutions.

### III. Determination, recording and control of workloads

- 19. The procedures and deadlines for planning the workload and workload of the AS are determined by the NDAL Council of Studies.
- 20. The workload of visiting academic staff is planned by the NDAL DMLS Assistant. The heads of the departments of the NDAL DMLS, SSRC and DTIC plan the workload of the permanent AS on the basis of the information on the planned study work prepared by the NDAL Department of Study Planning and Support. The AS workload shall be agreed by the Head of the relevant NDAL unit DMLS or SSRC or DTIC. AS loads are approved by the NDAL Vice-Rector.
- 21. The scientific work and workload of the NDAL SSRC, DTIC and DMLS senior researcher, researcher, research assistant, visiting senior researcher, visiting research assistant shall be approved by the NDAL Scientific Council.
- 22. The proportions of As study workload and research workload may be changed in accordance with the development strategy of the NDAL and the implementation of study programmes.
- 23. NDAL academic staff shall have an individual work plan prepared before the start of the NDAL academic year and approved by the NDAL Vice-Rector in accordance with the Annex. An individual work plan (see Annex 1) for visiting teaching staff, visiting lead researchers, researchers and visiting assistants is prepared in accordance with the course plan during the academic year at the NDAL and a contract of employment is concluded for the relevant period of time.
- 24. In the event of a change in workload, the AS shall amend the contract of employment.
- 25. If a visiting teaching staff, lead visiting researcher or visiting researcher is invited to supervise a thesis, dissertation, bachelor thesis and master thesis, to review final theses, and to serve on pre-defence, defence and State Examination committees, entrance examination committees, a part-time workload is set according to the scheduled hours.
- 26. Associate and visiting professors shall not be invited to carry out the work referred to in Paragraph 25.
- 27. If a guest lecturer is invited to teach a course of less than 10 academic hours, his/her remuneration shall be determined according to the calculation of the academic hourly rate. (see Annex 2).

28. For the purposes of the timesheets, the workload factor is determined by dividing the actual number of working hours in each month by the specified amount of study and research work per workload, which is taken into account when completing the timesheets and the employment contract.

## IV. Final provisions

29. With the entry into force of this Procedure, the Procedure for Accounting the Workload of Academic Staff at the Latvian National Defence Academy (NDAL) ceased to apply, approved with NDAL Senate Decision No.3 of 21.01.2022. Minutes No.1/2022 ceased to apply and the Regulations have entered into force with Order No.30 of the NDAL Rector of 03.02.2022 "On Approval of the Decisions of the Senate of the National Defence Academy of Latvia".

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# Calculation of the academic hourly rate

Position	Payrate in EUR	Minimum total amount of teaching work per year	Total amount of the teaching work per month	Hourly (academic) rate
Professor (PhD)	4082	1000	(1000:10 months) = 100 hours	(4082 payrate : 100 hours) = <b>40.82</b> EUR
Associate Professor (PhD)	3292	1000	(1000:10 months) = 100 hours	(3292 payrate : 100) = <b>32.92</b> EUR
Associate Professor (PhD)	2646	1000	(1000:10 months) = 100 hours	(2646 payrate:100 hours) = <b>26.46</b> EUR
Lecturer/lecturer	2119	1000	(1000:10 months) = 100 hours	(2119 payrate:100 hours) = <b>21.19</b> EUR