

Base Unit

What is a Base Unit?

TA assignments

At SFU, Teaching Assistant appointments are given in increments called “base units”. One base unit currently represents 42 hours of work over about 7 weeks of a semester and final exam period. Except for TA appointments which only consist of marking, each TA appointment also includes a special “preparation base unit”, worth up to 1.17 base units, to pay the TA for the time it takes to prepare for his/her duties in teaching students. Statistics workshop has different preparation times as do the OLC courses. On average, a first time TA appointment would be for 5.17 based units (1.17 preparation base units, 4.0 base units for course duties) for a total of 210 hours of work for the semester and that most first time TA's are assigned to our workshop.

An example:

Applying for a course that has three tutorials (see the timetable) would result in a TA appointment for 4.17 Bus (3 base units for tutorials and 1.17 base units for preparation).

Base Unit-Current Rates:

MSc salary \$1242.00 plus scholarship \$190.00 = \$1432.00

PhD salary \$1242.00 plus scholarship \$20.00 = \$1662.00

Undergraduate salary \$1242.00