

### **13. STUDY LOAD**

- 13.1 For students following the progression pattern specified for their programme, they have to take the number of credits as specified in the Programme Booklet, for each semester.
- 13.2 The normal study load is 15 credits in a semester. The maximum study load to be taken by a student in a semester is 21 credits, unless exceptional approval is given by the Head of the programme offering Department. For such cases, students should be reminded that the study load approved should not be taken as grounds for academic appeal.
- 13.3 Students are not allowed to take zero subject in any semester, including the mandatory summer term as required by some programmes, unless they have obtained prior approval from the programme offering Department; otherwise they will be classified as having unofficially withdrawn from their programme. Students who have been approved for zero subject enrolment (i.e. taking zero subject in a semester) are allowed to retain their student status and continue using campus facilities and library facilities. Any semester in which the students are allowed to take zero subject will nevertheless be counted towards the maximum period of registration.
- 13.4 Students who have obtained approval to pace their studies should seek advice from the Department concerned before the selection of subjects.