

DEGREE PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

Undergraduate Programme Structures

Programmes may be structured as:

- **major/minor**
- **joint honours**
- **combined honours**
- **single honours**

The Framework

The framework for the structure of programmes as approved by Senate is as follows:

- that a minor in a subject should comprise a minimum of **90 units** and a maximum of **120 units**;
- that a major in a subject should comprise a minimum of **210 units** and a maximum of **240 units**;
- that a joint honours programme should comprise a minimum of **150 units** in each of two subjects;
- that a single honours programme should comprise a minimum of **300 units** and a maximum total of **390 units** in all subjects;
- that for the purpose of constructing minor, major or single honours streams the curriculum should contain modules forming a coherent and related programme of study even though some of the modules might also be contained within other programmes.

Degree Programme Titles

Wherever possible, the word “with” should be used to link a major/minor combination and the word “and” to link all other combinations.

Study and Contact Hours

Modules normally carry a unit value of 15 or 30 units depending upon whether they are a one-term or two-term module. The standard adopted by the University of Buckingham is that **One unit = 10 hours of study**, equating to an average of 45 hours study per week for an undergraduate student studying modules with a total value of **45 units per term**. The minimum contact hours per 15 units per term should normally be **3 hours** per week.