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Policy on workload credit for independent study and thesis advising

Context: Baruch faculty currently receive a maximum of 0.2 workload credits for supervision of undergraduate honors theses, independent study, or masters thesis supervision. Faculty find it difficult to accrue enough credits in a three-year period to justify the time spent engaging in such high-impact teaching practices. This has become a disincentive for faculty to engage students in their research programs.

Policy: Beginning with the Spring 2023 semester, faculty supervising undergraduate honors theses or independent study courses (both graduate and undergraduate) will receive 0.3 workload credits, a 50% increase. Beginning with the Spring 2023 semester, faculty supervising research-based masters theses will receive 0.5 workload credits. Doctoral dissertation supervision credit is determined by Graduate Center policy.