

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office for Education Abroad

PROGRAM: EuroScholars at KU Leuven University (Leuven, Belgium)

SPONSOR: College of Natural Science and College of Social Science

KUL Marks	MSU Grade Equivalent	KUL Credits	MSU Credits
17-20	4.0	2	1
15-16	3.5	4	2
13-14	3.0	6	3
11-12	2.5	8	4
10	2.0	10	5
<10	0.0	12	6

Adapted from <https://feb.kuleuven.be/eng/leuven/edu/gradingscale>

Other academic information:

Fall semester Late September – late January

Spring semester Early February to early July

Each semester consists of 13 weeks of instruction, one week of study and 3 weeks of exams. A complete bachelor's program consists of 180 ECTS credit points, or three years of full-time study.

Explanations:

At KU Leuven a scale from 0 to 20 is used for grading, 10 being the passing grade and 20 the maximum or best possible grade. The University of Leuven credit system is based upon the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One credit corresponds to an average student workload of 30 hours. Acquiring credits is always subject to passing an examination. Special rules apply to doctoral studies.

Credit conversion is based on a course-by-course basis. Not based on the sum of credit earned.

MSU credit conversion is based on ECTS credits. ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer System and provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements, and transferring them from one institution to another. ECTS credits are a relative value. The ECTS credit is 50% of the US credit value: i.e., ECTS credits $\times \frac{1}{2} =$ MSU credits. In ECTS, 60 credit points represent the workload of a year of study, 30 credit points are allocated to a semester and 20 credit points to a term. If a course yields credits resulting in partial MSU credit (e.g., 1.5 MSU credits), it is rounded up to the next full credit (e.g., 2 MSU credits).

Useful websites:

University Website <http://www.kuleuven.ac.be/english/>



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