

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: University of Surrey in Guilford, United Kingdom

SPONSOR: College of Engineering

Surrey Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent*	Credit Value**	MSU Credits***
70 – 100	4.0	5	1.25
65 - 69	3.5	10	2.5
55 – 64	3.0	15	3.75
50 – 54	2.5	20	5
47 – 49	2.0		
44 – 46	1.5		
40 - 43	1.0		
< 40	0.0		

* Adapted from <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/unitedkingdom.htm> and MSU International Admissions

**The credit value is measured by this number times 10 for the total number of hours study. For instance, 10 credit value = 100 hours study. The ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credit is 50% of this value. ECTS credits x ½ = MSU credits. Historically, MSU has rounded up the number of credits. E.g., 10 credit value = 5 ECTS = 3 MSU credits (rounded from 2.5).

***The credits are rounded up if there is a single course with a decimal number of credits (i.e., 2.5 Surrey credits = 3 MSU credits). However, if there is an even number of courses, the actual amount of credits is given for each course (i.e., two 2.5 credit Surrey courses = 5 MSU credits). If there is an odd number of courses, the "extra" course earns the rounded up credits (i.e., three 2.5 credit Surrey courses = 8 MSU credits).

Other academic information:

Fall (FS): September through December

Spring (SS): January through June

Full Academic Year (AY): September through June

MSU students will follow regular courses at Surrey with British students. Teaching methods include lectures, tutorials and seminars. Students must enroll for a minimum of 12 credits per semester, while most enroll for 12-16. Surrey has traditionally accepted study abroad students for two consecutive semesters; however, the university is in the process of adapting to a semester format in order to allow more students to attend. The course offerings for single semesters are more limited.

100 level courses at Surrey are equal to 200 level courses at MSU, 200 level courses at Surrey are equal to 300 level courses at MSU and so on.

Useful Web Sites:

<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/> (general information)

<http://portal.surrey.ac.uk/ugstudy/information/course-index.jsp> (academic program descriptions)

<http://www.open.mis.surrey.ac.uk/misweb/modules/home.htm> (course descriptions)

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