

# GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

**PROGRAM:** University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa

**SPONSOR:** College of Arts & Letters, College of Education, College of Social Science, and African Studies Center

| UKZN Scale* | MSU Grade Equivalent* | UKZN Units | MSU Equivalent Credits |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 75 - 100    | 4.0                   | 16         | 4                      |
| 67 - 74     | 3.5                   | 32         | 8                      |
| 63 - 66     | 3.0                   |            |                        |
| 57 - 62     | 2.5                   |            |                        |
| 54 - 56     | 2.0                   |            |                        |
| 51 - 53     | 1.5                   |            |                        |
| 50          | 1.0                   |            |                        |
| 0 - 49      | 0.0                   |            |                        |

\* Adapted from UKZN transcript and <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/southafrica.htm>

## Other academic information:

### *Calendar:*

Semester 1: Mid-February to end of May. Exam period to the end of June

Semester 2: Early August to early November. Exam period to early December

The term modules are 6-7 weeks long and the semester module is 13 weeks long.

All courses are taught in English. There is a mandatory introductory course in isiZulu Communications Skills (beginning Zulu language and culture taught in English) for non-native speakers. The primary form of instruction is lectures with tutorials and small independent study groups.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of twelve (12) semester credits consisting of two UKZN courses, plus the introductory isiZulu course. The first term does not have exams so students must stay for the full semester.

## Useful Web Sites:

"Faculty" (college) handbooks, including course descriptions: <http://www.ukzn.ac.za/handbooks/>

UKZN International: <http://www.ukzn.ac.za/ukzninternational/international/index.php>

