

## GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office for Education Abroad

**PROGRAM:** EuroScholars at Utrecht University (Utrecht, Netherlands)

**SPONSOR:** College of Natural Science and Lyman Briggs College

Utrecht Grading Scale	U.S. Grade	MSU Grade Equivalent	ECTS Credits	MSU Credits
10	A+	4.0	1	1
9.5	A+	4.0	2	1
9	A+	4.0	3	2
8.5	A+	4.0	4	2
8	A	4.0	5	3
7.5	A-	3.5	6	3
7	B+	3.5	20	10
6.5	B	3.0		
6	C	2.0	7.5	3
5.5	D	1.0	22.5	4
5-1	F	0.0		

Adapted from

<https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/international-office-faculty-of-law-economics-and-governance/incoming-exchange-students/course-information>  
<https://students.uu.nl/sites/default/files/geo-grading-systems-holland-vs-us-uk.pdf>  
<https://students.uu.nl/en/geo/exchange-programmes/study-information/marks-and-credits>

### Explanations:

The grading system used in the Netherlands is on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (outstanding) 0. The lowest passing grade is 6; 9s are seldom given and 10s are extremely rare. Grades 1-3 are hardly ever used.

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

The Utrecht University 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.

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.,  $\text{ECTS credits} \times \frac{1}{2} = \text{MSU credits}$ . 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 <https://www.uu.nl/en>

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