

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: University of Waikato

SPONSOR: The Eli Broad College of Business

Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent*	Waikato Units	MSU Equivalent Credits
A+, A, A-	4.0	10	3
B+	3.5	15	4
B	3.0	20	5
B-/C+	2.5		
C	2.0		
Restricted Pass	1.5		
D	1.0		
E	0.0		

* Adapted from <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/newzealand.htm> and

Other academic information:

Semesters consist of 14 weeks of classes, one study week and two weeks of exams:

Semester A: Early March – early July

Semester B: Mid July – mid-November

University of Waikato degrees are made of “papers” (the NZ term for courses) which are structured very similarly to MSU’s system of general papers in the early years, followed by specialized papers in later years. The degree program allows room for elective papers. Each paper could involve attending a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions or field trips as well as completing assignments, group projects or exams.

Courses (“papers”) are generally worth 15 points at Level 1, and 20 points at Level 2 and 3. The more advanced papers at the honours level grant 30 points. Most papers have 2 hours/week of lectures and 1 hour of tutorials or laboratories. Most students take three papers per semester. The maximum number of points that may be taken is 40 per summer, 70 per semester; and 120 for an academic year.

Useful Web Sites:

Home page: <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/>

“Papers” by subject: <http://papers.waikato.ac.nz/subjects/>

Term definitions:

<http://calendar.waikato.ac.nz/regulations/bachelor/personalprogsbachelors.html>

