

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: Multidisciplinary Studies at the University of Wollongong in Wollongong, Australia

SPONSOR: Eli Broad College of Business

UOW Scale*	MSU Grade Equivalent	UOW Credits	MSU Credits
HD or D/ 75-100%	4.0	6	4
C / 70 - 74%	3.5	8	4??
C / 65 – 69%	3.0		
P / 58 – 64%	2.5		
P / 50-57%	2.0		
PC / 45 – 49%	1.5		
PT / 45 – 49%	1.0		
Less than 44%	0.0		

* Adapted from <http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/studyabroad/credit.html> and <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/australia.htm> HD = High Distinction; D = Distinction; C = Credit; P = Pass; PC = Pass Restricted; PT = Pass Conceded; PT = Pass Terminating

Other academic information:

UOW is an accredited four-year institution.

Semester 1 Late February through mid-June
Semester 2 Late July through mid- November
Academic year Late February through mid-November

Each semester consists of 13 weeks of instruction, a one-week vacation mid-semester, one-week study period and 2 weeks of exams at the end. Normal load for a semester is four courses or 24 credit points. All students must be enrolled in at least 18 credit points (usually 3 courses) to satisfy student visa requirements. Students may enroll in no more than 4 courses per semester. Generally, Study Abroad students enroll in three or four subjects per session. Subjects are taught as a mix of lectures, tutorials or seminars, laboratory work and individual study.

A credit point has an implied workload of two hours per week for a sectional subject. For example, a six credit point subject normally represents a minimum of twelve hours of study a week, which could be made up of two hours of lectures, one hour tutorial and four hours of study and essay-writing. Students commonly spend fewer than 20 hours a week in contact with Lecturers or Tutors. The remaining hours should be devoted to study to meet the reading and assignment requirements.

As the majority of UOW degrees are 3 years in duration, the level of units is 100 (1st year), 200 (2nd year) and 300 (3rd year), which generally equate with 200, 300, and 400 level US units. Most study abroad students enroll in 100 or 200 level units. Graduate level units are generally labeled as 800.

Useful Web Sites:

UOW International: <http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/studyabroad/>

For specific UOW course listings: <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/>

For a detailed list of MSU business courses equivalencies:
<http://ciber.msu.edu/StudyAbroad/Wollongong/default.asp?SAProgramID=31&Section=2>

