

European Credit Transfer System

What is ECTS?

ECTS, The European Community Credit Transfer System, was developed by the Commission of the European Communities in order to provide common procedures to guarantee academic recognition of studies abroad. It provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements, and transferring them from one institution to another.

The rules of ECTS, concerning Information (on courses available), the Agreement (between the home and host institutions) and the Use of Credit Points (to indicate workload) are set out to reinforce mutual trust and confidence between the institutions. Each department describes the courses it offers not only in terms of content but also by stating the number of credits for each course.

ECTS Credits

ECTS credits are value allocated to course units to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total amount of work required to complete a full year of academic study at the institution, including lectures, practical work, seminars, private study -in the library or at home- and examinations or other assessment activities. Thus ECTS credits express a relative value. In ECTS, 60 credits represent the workload of one year of study; normally 30 credits are given for a semester.

It is up to the participating institutions to subdivide the credits for the different courses. ECTS credits should be allocated to all the courses units available -compulsory or elective courses. Credits can also be allocated to project work, thesis and practical placements where these are a normal part of the study programme. Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all stipulated examinations have been successfully taken.

ECTS Credit Transfer

Students studying abroad will receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at the host institution and they will be able to transfer these academic credits from one participating institution to another on the basis of the prior learning agreement on the content of a study programme abroad between the student and the institutions involved. When the student has successfully completed the study programme previously agreed between the home and host institutions and returns to the home institution, credit transfer will take place, and the student will continue his/her studies at the home institution without any loss of time or credit.

All exchange students studying at Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences will receive a transcript of records at the end of their exchange. In case of an failed exam you have to option to take part in the re-sit exam.

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German Grading System

At Brandenburg University, we use the German grading system, which you can see below.

- 1.0 excellent (A)
- 1.3 very good (B)
- 1.7 - 2.3 good (C)
- 2.7 - 3.3 satisfactory (D)
- 3.7 - 4.0 sufficient (E) - lowest passing grade
- 5 fail (F)