

RADBOUD UNIVERSITY

Conversion of Grades and Credits

at Radboud University

**Student Life and International
Mobility Updated November 2024**

Table of contents

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 0. Conversion Manual..... | 4 |
| 1. Credit conversion..... | 5 |
| 2. Grade conversion tables | 11 |
| I. <i>Conversion tables for EU-countries</i> | 12 |
| Austria..... | 13 |
| Belgium..... | 14 |
| Bulgaria..... | 15 |
| Cyprus..... | 16 |
| Czech Republic | 17 |
| Denmark..... | 18 |
| Estonia | 19 |
| Finland | 20 |
| France | 21 |
| Germany | 22 |
| Greece..... | 23 |
| Hungary | 24 |
| Ireland..... | 25 |
| Italy..... | 28 |
| Latvia..... | 29 |
| Lithuania | 30 |
| Norway..... | 31 |
| Poland..... | 32 |
| Portugal | 33 |
| Romania..... | 34 |
| Slovakia | 35 |
| Slovenia..... | 36 |
| Spain | 37 |
| Sweden | 38 |
| Switzerland | 39 |
| II. <i>Conversion tables for non EU-countries</i> | 40 |
| Argentina | 41 |
| Australia..... | 42 |
| Brazil | 43 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Canada..... | 44 |
| Chili | 45 |
| China (including Hongkong)..... | 46 |
| Colombia..... | 47 |
| Ecuador..... | 48 |
| Ghana | 49 |
| Iceland..... | 50 |
| India | 51 |
| Indonesia | 52 |
| Israel | 53 |
| Jamaica..... | 54 |
| Japan | 55 |
| Kazakhstan..... | 57 |
| Kenya | 58 |
| Malaysia | 59 |
| Mexico..... | 60 |
| New Zealand | 61 |
| Nicaragua..... | 62 |
| Philippines | 63 |
| Peru..... | 64 |
| Russia..... | 65 |
| Senegal | 67 |
| Singapore..... | 68 |
| South Africa | 69 |
| South Korea | 70 |
| Taiwan..... | 72 |
| Thailand | 73 |
| Turkey | 74 |
| Uganda..... | 75 |
| United Kingdom | 76 |
| Uruguay | 77 |
| USA..... | 78 |

0. Conversion Manual

The examination board is responsible for the determination and recognition of the converted study load and the converted grades.

Manual for the conversion of the study load

- Check if the country in question is listed in Table 1 (page 6). That list contains all the countries using the ECTS-system.
- If yes, the conversion is 1 foreign EC = 1 Dutch EC.
If not: Check if the country/institution in question is listed in Table 2 (page 7). If that is the case, use the conversion scheme from that list.
- If the country/institution is not listed in one of the two tables, the study load has to be determined by evaluating the course description provided by the foreign institution. By looking at the amount of contact hours, the amount of self-study hours, the obligatory literature, the examination, etc. an estimate of the study load can be made. Generally this has to be done by a lecturer/professor responsible for a similar course here in Nijmegen. Ask for more information at the International Office and/or the EP-Nuffic.

Manual for the conversion of grades

- Check if the university in question is listed at Egracons (<http://egracons.eu/>). If yes, follow the Egracons manual for the correct conversion.
- If no: Check if the university has a Frequency table of their own. Compare this frequency table with the frequency table of the student's program here at Radboud University. Try to use the frequency table of similar programs. Check your estimate of the grades with the conversion provided in the list of countries provided in this document.
- Does the specific university not have any frequency tables? Then take a look at the conversion table for each country listed in this document. If there are two options for conversion mentioned in the table – for example A+ equals 10-9.5 – the lowest of the provided grades is generally awarded, which would be a 9.5 in the example. If there are three options for conversion mentioned in the table – for example A+ equals 10-9 – generally the middle or lowest option is rewarded (in this example 9 or 9.5). This is because the highest grade in the Netherlands, a 10, is rarely awarded. A conversion to 10 may happen when for example the student has passed “with distinction” as mentioned on the Transcript of Grades or when demonstrably the exams have been completed with no mistakes.

Manual for the recognition of grades

The original grades/results – for example Harvard A – will always be shown in Osiris. The converted results are shown in a separate field. Please note that not all faculties choose to convert results. Some faculties only convert to ‘pass’ or ‘fail’.

1. Credit conversion

Table 1: Countries using ECTS

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Austria | Greece | Norway |
| Belgium | Hungary | Poland |
| Bosnia | Iceland | Portugal |
| Bulgaria | Ireland | Romania |
| Croatia | Italy | Serbia |
| Cyprus | Latvia | Slovenia |
| Czech Republic | Liechtenstein | Slovakia |
| Denmark | Lithuania | Spain |
| Estonia | Luxembourg | Sweden |
| Finland | Macedonia | Switzerland |
| France | Malta | Ukraine |
| Germany | Montenegro | |

Great Britain

In Great Britain the study load for one academic year is 120 credits. Consequently, 2 British credits equal 1 ECTS, because in the ECTS-system the study load for one academic year is 60 EC.

Table 2: Remaining countries

Please note that, unless stated, credits obtained in Master's degree programmes may be calculated differently.

| Country | University | Credits partner | ECTS RU | Partner = RU |
|------------------|---|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| Argentina | Universidad del Salvador (updated '24) | 9 horas | 1 | 54 = 6 |
| | Universidad Nacional de la Plata ¹ | 10 horas | 1 | 50 = 5 |
| Australia | Australian Catholic University | 1 | 0,75 | 10 = 7,5 |
| | Deakin University | 1 | 7,5 | 2 = 15 |
| | Macquarie University (updated '24) | 1 credit | 0,75 | 10 = 7.5 |
| | | 1 unit | 7,5 | 4 = 30 |
| | The University of New South Wales | 1 | 1,25 | 6 = 7,5 |
| | University of Sydney | 1 | 1,25 | 6 = 7,5 |
| | The Australian National University | 1 | 1,25 | 6 = 7,5 |
| | University of Wollongong | 1 | 1,25 | 6 = 7,5 |
| | Curtin University | 1 | 0,3 | 25 = 7,5 |
| | University of Tasmania | 1% | 0,6 | 12,5% = 7,5 |
| | University of Southern Queensland (new '24) | 1 unit | 7,5 | 4 = 30 |
| | Queensland University of Technology | 1 | 0,625 | 6 = 3,75 |
| | Western Sydney University | 1 | 0,75 | 10 = 7,5 |
| Brazil | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná – PUCPR | 1 | 1,35 | 3 = 4 |
| | Pontifícia Universidade Católica Rio de Janeiro | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Universidade de São Paulo | 1 | 1,5 | 6 = 9 |
| | Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) | 1 | 1,5 | 6 = 9 |
| Brunei | Universiti Brunei Darussalam | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Canada | Brock University | 1 | 12 | 0,5 = 6 |
| | Concordia University | 1 | 2 | 4 = 8 |
| | Ryerson University | 1 | 6 | 2 = 12 |
| | Université de Sherbrooke (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Alberta | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of British Columbia (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Ottawa | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Western Ontario | 1 | 12 | 0,5 = 6 |
| | Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo and Brantford | 1 | 12 | 0,5 = 6 |
| | Memorial University Newfoundland | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Manitoba (updated '19) | 1 | 2,5 | 3 = 7,5 |
| | Carleton University | 1 | 12 | 0,5 = 6 |
| | York University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Chile | Universidad Alberto Hurtado | 1 | 0,65 | 4 = 3 |
| | Universidad de Chile (School of Economics & Business) (new '24) | 1 | 1 | 5 = 5 |
| | Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez | 1 | 0,8 | 5 = 4 |
| | Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso | 1 | 1,75 | 4 = 7 |
| | Universidad del Desarrollo | 1 | 0,625 | 8 = 5 |

¹ Teaching hours

| Country | University | Credits partner | ECTS RU | Partner = RU |
|------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Universidad Adolfo Ibanez | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH) (updated '24) | 1 | 1,1 (round number 1) | 5 = 5.5 |
| China | Beijing Normal University | 1 | 3 | 4 = 12 |
| | City University of Hong Kong | 1 | 2 | 2 = 4 |
| | Education University of Hong Kong (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 2 = 4 |
| | Hong Kong baptist University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Lingnan University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Peking University (updated '24) ² | 1 | 1,5 | 3 = 6 |
| | Shenzhen University (new '24) | 1 | 1,1 (round number 1) | 5 = 5,5 |
| | Tsinghua University | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | University of Nottingham Ningbo China | 1 | 0,5 | 12 = 6 |
| | Wuhan University (new '24) | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | Dongbei University of Finance and Economics | 1 | 2,5 | 4 = 10 |
| | University of Shanghai SILC Business School | 1 | 3 | 2 = 6 |
| | Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE) (new '24) | 1 | 1.5 | 4 = 6 |
| Colombia | Universidad del Rosario | BA: 1 | 1,7 | 4 = 6,8 |
| | | MA: 1 | 2,1 | 4 = 8,4 |
| | Universidad Pontifica Javeriana | 1 | 1,7 | 4 = 6,8 |
| | Universidad de Los Andes (UASM) | 1 | 1,7 | 4 = 6,8 |
| Ecuador | Universidad de especialidades espiritu santo | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Egypt | American University of Cairo | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Georgia | Caucasus University | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| Ghana | Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre | 1 | 1,54 | 4 = 6,16 |
| Indonesia | Universitas Indonesia | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | Institut Teknologi Bandung (updated '24) | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Universitas Balikpapan | 1 | 1,75 | 4 = 7 |
| | Universitas Diponegoro | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Universitas Gadjah Mada (updated '24) | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Universitas Airlangga | 1 | 1,7 | 6 = 10 |
| Israel | Hebrew University of Jerusalem | 1 | 1,5 | 6 = 9 |
| | - Rothberg International School | 1 | 1,67-2 | 6 = 10-12 |
| | Ben-Gurion University of the Negev | BA: 1 | 1,5 | 6 = 9 |
| | | MA: 1 | 3 | 6 = 18 |
| | Tel Aviv University (updated '19) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Jamaica | University of the West Indies, Mona Campus | 1 | 1,67 | 3 = 5 |
| Japan | Kansai Gaidai University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Kwansei Gakuin University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Rikkyo University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Ritsumeikan University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Ryukoku University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Tokyo International University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |

² In case of language course (without credits) at PKU: 60 hours = 5 ECTS.

| Country | University | Credits partner | ECTS RU | Partner = RU |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Nagoya University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Nagasaki University | 1 | 1,5 | 2 = 3 |
| | Tohoku University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Soka University | 1 | 1,6 | 5 = 8 |
| Kazakhstan | Al-Farabi Kazakh National University | BA: 1 | 1,8 | 5 = 9 |
| | | MA: 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| Kenya | St Paul's University | 1 | 1,67 | 3 = 5 |
| Libanon | American University of Beirut | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Malaysia | Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (new '24) | 1 | 1.5 | 2 = 3 |
| Mexico | Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (updated '24) | 1 | 1,67 | 3 = 5 |
| | Universidad de las Américas (UDLAP) | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | Universidad de Guanajuato (updated '19) | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| New Zealand | Auckland University of Technology | 1 | 0,5 | 6 = 3 |
| | University of Canterbury | 1 | 0,5 | 6 = 3 |
| Peru | Universidad del Pacífico (updated '24) | 1 | 1.5 | 2 = 3 |
| | Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Philippines | Ateneo de Manila University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Russia | Lomonosov State University | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | Russian State University for the Humanities | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | Saint-Petersburg State University | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| Senegal | Université cheikh anta diop de dakar | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| Singapore | National University of Singapore (new '24) | 1 | 1.5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Nanyang Technological University (new '24) | 1 | 1.5 | 4 = 6 |
| South Africa | Universiteit Stellenbosch | 1 | 0,5 | 12 = 6 |
| | University of Cape Town (new '24) | 1 | 0,33 (+1) | 9 = 4 |
| | University of Kwazulu-Natal | 1 | 0,5 | 10 = 5 |
| | University of Pretoria | 1 | 0,5 | 10 = 5 |
| | University of the Free State (new '24) | 1 | 0,5 | 10 = 5 |
| | University of the Witwatersrand (new '24) | 1 | 0,5 | 10 = 5 |
| | North-West University | 1 | 0,5 | 10 = 5 |
| South Korea | Chung-Ang University (updated '24) | BA: 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | | MA: 1 | 2 / 2,5 ³ | 3 = 6 / 7,5 |
| | Korea University (new '24) | BA: 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | | MA: 1 | 2,5 | 4 = 10 |
| | Pusan National University (updated '24) | BA: 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | | MA: 1 | 3 | 3 = 9 |
| | Sungkyunkwan University (updated '24) | BA: 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | | MA: 1 | 3,33 | 3 = 10 |
| | University of Seoul | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Soongsil University (new '24) | 1 | 1,67 | 3 = 5 |

³ Conversion depends on MA programme; e.g.: Global MBA = 2,5. GSIS = 2.

| Country | University | Credits partner | ECTS RU | Partner = RU |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| | Yonsei University (updated '24) | BA: 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | | MA: 1 | 2 | 4 = 8 |
| Taiwan | National Chiao Tung University (updated '19) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | National Taiwan University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | National Taichung University of Education | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Thailand | Kasetsart University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Thammasat University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Turkey | Izmir University of Economics | 1 | 1 | 6 = 6 |
| | Koc University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Hacettepe University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Bilkent University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Uganda | Uganda Martyrs University | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| Uruguay | Universidad de Montevideo | 1 | 1,2 | 5 = 6 |
| UK | All universities | 1 | 0,5 | 10 = 5 |
| USA | Appalachian State University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Bowling Green State University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Delaware Valley University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Colorado State University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | DePaul University | 1 | 1,25 | 6 = 7,5 |
| | Hawai'i Pacific University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Kent State University (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Humboldt State University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Loyola University New Orleans | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Louisiana State University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Massachusetts Boston | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Tennessee Technological University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Southern Maine | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Saint Anselm College | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Oregon State University (updated '19) | 1 | 1,5 | 4 = 6 |
| | Pennsylvania State University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | Pennsylvania State University (Dickinson School of Law) (Juris Doctor/MA) (updated '24) | 1 | 2 (+1) | 2 = 5 |
| | Siena College | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | California State University Bakersfield | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | California State University Monterey Bay | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | The University of Iowa | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | The University of Iowa (College of Law) (updated '24) | BA: 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | | MA: 1 | 2 (+1) | 2 = 5 |
| | University at Albany, State University of New York | 1 | 1,67 | 3 = 5 |
| | University of Central Florida | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Colorado Colorado Springs | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Dayton | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Illinois | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of Connecticut (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of New Hampshire (new '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |

| Country | University | Credits partner | ECTS RU | Partner = RU |
|----------------|---|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (updated '24) | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Juris Doctor/MA) (updated '24) | 1 | 2 (+1) | 2 = 5 |
| | University of North Carolina at Asheville | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |
| Vietnam | National Economics University | 1 | 2 | 3 = 6 |

2. Grade conversion tables

EU- and non EU-countries

As a first step we made a division between EU- and non EU-countries. Within these two subsets the countries have been ordered alphabetically. We have only included countries in which Radboud University has a partner university.

Explanation of the grade conversion tables

For each country we have indicated:

- The structure of the higher education system, i.e. the degrees of the different university levels (first stage, second stage, third stage), including the length of the programmes.
- A description of the grading system.
- A conversion scheme, indicating how the foreign grade should be converted into a Dutch grade.

I. Conversion tables for EU-countries

Austria

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Bachelor:
- University level second stage: Master: 1-2 years
- University level third stage: Doktoratstudien: 4-8 semesters

Description of grading system

- Grades 1-5:
 - o 1 Sehr gut
 - o 2 Gut
 - o 3 Befriedigend
 - o 4 Genügend
 - o 5 Nicht
genügend

Austria conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sehr gut | 1 | 10-9.5-9.0 |
| Gut | 2 | 8.5-8.0 |
| | 2.5 | 7.5 |
| Befriedigend | 3 | 7.0 |
| | 3.5 | 6.5 |
| Genügend | 4 | 6.0 |
| Nicht genügend | 5 | Onvoldoende |

Belgium

Structure of higher education

- University first level stage (bachelor) = 3 years
- University second level (master) = 1 or 2 years

Description of grading system

Two systems are used: a percentage system and a point value system.

- Percentage
 - Met voldoende Satisfactory 60%
 - Met onderscheiding Distinction 70%
 - Met grote onderscheiding High distinction 80%
 - Met grootste onderscheiding Highest distinction 90%
 - Pass/fail level: met voldoende
- Point value
 - Highest on scale 20
 - Pass/fail level 12
 - Lowest on scale 11
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven uses its own grading system, as indicated in the scheme.
- University of Antwerp considers 11 to be a pass, so in that case $11 \approx 6.0$.

Belgium conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Percentage | Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Universiteit van Ghent | Dutch Grade | Information |
|--------------|-------------|------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 20 | 90-100% | 20 | 10 | Uitmuntend |
| | 19 | | 19 | 9,5 | |
| | 18 | | 18 | 9 | |
| Outstanding | 17 | 80-89% | 17 | 8,5 | Zeer goed |
| | 16 | | 15-16 | 8 | |
| Good | 15 | | 14 | 7,5 | |
| | 14 | 70-79% | 13 | 7 | Goed |
| Satisfactory | 13 | 60-69% | 11-12 | 6,5 | Voldoende |
| Sufficient | 10-12 | | 10 | 6 | |
| Fail | 0-9 | | 0-9 | Onvoldoende | Onvoldoende |

Bulgaria

Bulgaria conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter Symbol | Point Value | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 5.5 - 6 | 9 - 10 |
| Very Good | B | 5.2 - 5.49 | 8 - 8.5 |
| Good | C | 4.40 - 5.19 | 7 - 7.5 |
| Satisfactory | D | 3.60 - 4.39 | 6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 2.80 - 3.59 | 6 |
| Fail | F | 2.00 - 2.79 | Onvoldoende |

This scheme is based on the University of Sofia.

Cyprus

Description of main grading system

- Cyprus's grading system is largely similar to the USA-system: a Letter grading system A-D, with F for fail.
- Subdivisions like '+' and '-' may or may not be used, depending on the institution.

Cyprus conversion scheme

| Letter symbol | Numerical grade | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| A++ | 9.5 - 10 | 10 |
| A+ | 9 – 9.49 | 9.5 |
| A | 8.5 – 8.99 | 9.0-8.5 |
| A | 8 – 8.49 | 8.5 |
| A- | 7.5 – 7.99 | 8.0 |
| B+ | 7 – 7.49 | 7.5 |
| B / B- | 6.5 – 6.99 | 7.0 |
| C+ / C / C- | 6 – 6.49 | 6.5 |
| D+ / D / D- | 5 – 5.99 | 6.0 |
| F | 0 – 4.99 | Onvoldoende |

Czech Republic

Structure of higher education

- University first level stage (bachelor): 3 to 4 years
- University second level (master): 1 to 3 years
- If there is no bachelor or master system: 4 to 6 years

Description of grading system

- Both point value scales and Letter symbols scales are used.
- Point scale 1-4
 - o 1 Výborně Excellent
 - o 2 Velmi dobře Very good
 - o 3 Dobře Good
 - o 4 Nevyhověl Unsatisfactory/fai
|

Czech Republic conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 1 | 10-9.5 |
| Outstanding | B | 1.5 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | C | 2 | 8.0-7.5 |
| Satisfactory | D | 2.5 | 7.0-6.5 |
| Acceptable | E | 3 | 6.0 |

Denmark

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Bachelorgrad (B.A or B.Sc): 3 years
- University level second stage: Kandidatgrad/Candidatus (cand.+ field of study, in English: usually MA or MSc + field), Magistergrad (Mag.Art.): 2 years
- University level third stage: PhD grad: 3 years

Description of grading system

- Point scale 00-12
 - o 12 Outstanding
 - o 10 Excellent
 - o 7 Good
 - o 4 Fair
 - o 02 Adequate
 - o 00 Inadequate

Denmark conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding | 12 | 10-9.5 |
| Excellent | 10 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | 7 | 8.0-7.5 |
| Fair | 4 | 7.0-6.5 |
| Adequate | 02 | 6.0 |
| Inadequate | 00 | Onvoldoende |

Estonia

Structure of higher education

- The nominal length of the first stage (Bakalaureus level study) is generally three years (120 AP), in certain disciplines it is four years (160 AP).
- The nominal length of the second stage is one to two years (40-80 APs) but along with the first stage at least five years (200 AP).
- University \approx 4-5 years

Description of grading system

- A Point scale that is equivalent to a Letter symbol system is used:
 - 5 or A Excellent
 - 4 or B Very good
 - 3 or C Good
 - 2 or D Satisfactory/Fair
 - 1 or E Passed
 - 0 or F or FX Insufficient

Estonia conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 5 | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | B | 4 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | C | 3 | 8.0-7.5 |
| Fair | D | 2 | 7.0-6.5 |
| Passed | E | 1 | 6.0 |
| Fail | FX and F | 0 | Onvoldoende |

Finland

Structure of higher education

- University level first cycle: kandidaatti/kandidat.
First-cycle university degrees consist of at least 180 credits (3 years).
- University level second cycle: maisteri/magister.
The second-cycle university degree consists of at least 120 credits (two years).
- University level third cycle: lisensiaatti/licenciat; tohtori/doctor; 4 years.

Description of grading system

- In general a system with letter symbols is used, varying from A (excellent) to E (sufficient) and F (insufficient).
- At some institutions a six-point scale is used.
 - 5 or A Excellent
 - 4 or B Very good
 - 3 or C Good
 - 2 or D Satisfactory
 - 1 or E Sufficient
 - 0 or F Insufficient
- Other Letter symbol systems in use are shown in the scheme.
- University of Helsinki uses a percentage system.

Finland conversion scheme; general

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value (Turku) | Point value (other) | Letter value (other) | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A/K/HP | 5 | 3 | ET | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | B | 4 | 2.5 (2+) | HT+ | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | C/H | 3 | 2 | HT | 8.0-7.5 |
| Satisfactory | D/T | 2 | 1.5 (1+) | TT | 7.0-6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 1 | 1 | | 6.0 |
| Insufficient | F | 0 | | | Onvoldoende |

Finland conversion scheme; University of Helsinki

| Grade | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 94-100 | 10 |
| | 86-93 | 9.5 |
| Very good | 78-85 | 9.0 |
| | 70-77 | 8.5 |
| Good | 64-69 | 8.0 |
| | 61-63 | 7.5 |
| Satisfactory | 54-60 | 7.0 |
| | 47-53 | 6.5 |
| Sufficient | 40-46 | 6.0 |
| Insufficient | < 40 | Onvoldoende |

France

Structure of higher education

- University first level stage (bachelor): 3 to 4 years (undergraduate)
- University second level (master): 1 year (postgraduate)

Description of grading system

- Point scale 0-20:
 - 16-20 Très Bien Very good
 - 14-16 Bien Good
 - 12-14 Assez-Bien Satisfactory
 - 10-12 Passable Sufficient

France conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Très bien | A | 20 | 10 |
| | A | 19-19.99 | 9.5 |
| | A | 17-18.99 | 9.0 |
| | A | 16-16.99 | 8.5 |
| Bien | B | 15-15.99 | 8.0 |
| | B | 14-14.99 | 7.5 |
| Assez bien | C | 12-13.99 | 7.0 |
| Passable | D | 11-11.99 | 6.5 |
| | E | 10-10.99 | 6.0 |
| Ajourné | F | 9 | Onvoldoende |
| | | 8 | Onvoldoende |

Germany

Description of grading system

- Point scale 1-5:
 - o 1 Sehr gut Excellent
 - o 2 Gut Good
 - o 3 Befriedigend Satisfactory
 - o 4 Genügend Sufficient
 - o 5 Nicht genügend Fail
- Intermediate values are possible.
- Percentages scales are also used.

Germany conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | 15-point scale | Dutch Grade |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | 1+ (1 mit Auszeichnung) | 15 | 10 |
| Sehr gut | 1.0-1.2 | 14 | 9.5-9.0 |
| | 1.3-1.6 | 13 | 8.5 |
| Gut | 1.7-1.9 | 12 | 8.0 |
| | 2.0-2.2 | 11 | 7.5 |
| | 2.3-2.6 | 10 | 7.0 |
| Befriedigend | 2.7-3.2 | 8-9 | 6.5 |
| Genügend | 3.3-4.0 | 5-7 | 6.0 |
| Nicht genügend | 4.1-6.0 | Fail | Fail |

Greece

Description of grading system

- Point value 0 – 10
- Highest on scale: 10
- Pass/fail level: 5
- Lowest on scale: 0

Greece conversion scheme

| Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|
| 10 | 10 |
| 9.5 | 9.5 |
| 9.0 | 9.0 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 |
| 8.0 | 8.0 |
| 7.5 | 7.5 |
| 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 6.0 - 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 5.0 - 5.5 | 6.0 |
| < 5.0 | Onvoldoende |

Hungary

Structure of higher education

- Hungary has a dual system with colleges and universities, but colleges exist as faculties within the universities and some universities give college-level subjects. All universities use the EC system since 2003 and since 2006 the programmes have been classified according to the bachelor-master system. The grading system is nationally recognized.
- University ≈ 4-5 years (undergraduate, but sometimes called 'master').

Description of grading system

- Point scale 5-1, equivalent to Letter system a-E
 - o 5 Jeles / Kiválóan megfelelt Excellent
 - o 4: Jó Good
 - o 3 Közepes / Megfelelt Fair
 - o 2 Elégséges Acceptable/pass
 - o 1 Elégtelen/ Nem felelt meg Fail

Hungary conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 5 | 10-9.5-9.0 |
| Good | B | 4 | 8.5-8.0 |
| Satisfactory | C | 3 | 7.5-7.0-6.5 |
| Acceptable/pass | D | 2 | 6.0 |
| Unacceptable/fail | E | 1 | Onvoldoende |

Ireland

Structure of higher education

- University first level stage (bachelor): 3 to 4 years (undergraduate)
- University second level (master): 1 year (postgraduate)

Description of grading system

- Letter symbol
 - A Excellent / Outstanding
 - B Above average
 - C Average
 - D Below average
 - E Fail
- In contradiction with the EC grading system an E at an Irish university is a Fail, but with compensation it can become a Sufficient.
- Letter grades are sometimes subdivided. University College Dublin uses '+', flat, and '-', whereas the University of Limerick generally only uses '+' and '-'.
- For the University of Limerick C- is the lowest Sufficient grade.
- Separate schemes for these two universities are given.

Ireland conversion scheme; general

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 10-9.5-9.0 |
| Very Good | B | 8.5-8.0 |
| Good | C | 7.5 |
| Satisfactory | D | 7.0-6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | Onvoldoende |

Ireland conversion scheme; University College Dublin, Limerick

| Grade | UCD | Dutch Grade | Grade | Limerick | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A+ | 10 | Excellent | A1, A | 10-9.5-9.0 |
| | A | 9.5 | | | |
| | A- | 9.0 | | | |
| Very Good | B+ | 8.5 | Very Good | A2, A- | 8.5-8.0 |
| | B/ B- | 8.0 | | | |
| Good | C+ | 7.5 | Good | B1, B2, B+ | 7.5 |
| | C | 7.0 | | B3, B- | 7.0 |
| Satisfactory | C- / D+ | 6.5 | Satisfactory | C1, C2, C+ | 6.5 |
| Sufficient | D / D- | 6.0 | Sufficient | C3, C-, D ³ | 6.0 |
| Fail | E+ / E / E- | Onvoldoende | Fail | F | Onvoldoende |
| | F+ / F / F- | Onvoldoende | | | |

³ D1 and D2 are compensating fails. These grades can be accepted as an 6.0 in case the average QPV for all grades $\geq 2,00$

Ireland conversion scheme; Trinity College

| Grade | Mark | Dutch Grade |
|-------|-------|-------------|
| I | 70+ | 8.3-10 |
| II.1 | 60-69 | 7.3-8.2 |
| II.2 | 50-59 | 6.5-7.2 |
| III | 40-49 | 6.0-6.4 |
| F | 0-39 | ONV |

Italy

Structure of higher education

- Laurea = bachelor = 3 years (180 EC).
- Laurea Specilistica = master = 2 years (120 EC).
- Corsi di Specializzazione di 1° livello = master = 2 to 3 years (120 – 180 EC).
- Corsi di Master Universitario di 1° livello = master = 1 year (60 EC).

Description of grading system

- For Laurea: 0-110 (66 as min. passing grade) + con lode/cum laude.
- For examinations during the degree: 0-30 with 18 as the pass mark.
- For specialist diploma, the most common scale is: 0-70, 42 being the qualifying grade.
- AFAM institutions (AFAM: Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale: higher education in arts and music) use the same grading scale as universities: 0-110 to assess performance in the final degree examinations; 0-30 with 18 as the passing grade to assess individual subject exams during the degree course.

Italy conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 30 e lode | 10-9.5 |
| | | 30 | 9.0 |
| Very Good | B | 29 | 8.5 |
| | | 28 | 8.0 |
| Good | C | 27 | 8.0 |
| | | 26 | 7.5 |
| | | 25 | 7.5 |
| | | 24 | 7.0 |
| Satisfactory | D | 23 | 7.0 |
| | | 22 | 6.5 |
| | | 21 | 6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 20 | 6.0 |
| | | 19 | 6.0 |
| | | 18 | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | < 18 | Onvoldoende |

Latvia

Structure of higher Education:

In Latvia, tertiary education programmes are provided by:

- university type institutions of augstskola,
- non-university type institutions of augstskola,
- koledža.

The Law on Institutions of Higher Education makes distinction between university-type and non-university-type institutions. While non-university-type institutions run professional programmes, universities often offer both academic and professional programmes.

Bachelor:

Higher education institutions may independently determine the timetable for students. The capacity of studies is measured in credit points (credits). The amount of full-time and part-time Bachelor study programmes is from 120 to 160 credit points including at least 10 credit points for Bachelor thesis. Full-time studies last from six to eight semesters.

Latvia's credit point is defined as a full-time weekly study load. The credit point system is compatible with European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and is used for both accumulation and transfer since its implementation. The number of ECTS credits is found by multiplying the number of Latvian credit points by a factor of 1.5. In Latvia, one credit corresponds to 40 academic hours (one study week) of which up to 50% are expected to be contact hours.

Full-time studies correspond to 40 credit points in an academic year and at least 40 academic hours a week. Part-time studies correspond to less than 40 credit points in an academic year and less than 40 academic hours a week.

Description of grading system:

| Level | Grade | | Dutch Grade |
|-----------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Very high level | 10 | Pass | 10-9.5 |
| | 9 | | 9.0-8.5 |
| High level | 8 | | 8.0 |
| | 7 | | 7.5 |
| Medium level | 6 | | 7.0 |
| | 5 | | 6.5 |
| | 4 | | 6.0 |
| Low level | 3-1 | Fail | Onvoldoende |

Lithuania

Structure of higher education

University-level studies are organized in three cycles: first cycle (undergraduate); second cycle (graduate); and third cycle (post-graduate). The national credit system is based on an average of 1600 working hours per academic year, one credit corresponding to 40 hours or one week of work.

University first level stage (bachelor): University undergraduate (first cycle) studies (universitetinės pagrindinės (pirmosios pakopos) studijos): 4 to 5.5 years (140 to 180 national credits).

Description of grading system

- Point scale: 1-10
 - o 10 Puikiai Excellent
 - o 9 Labai gerai Very good
 - o 8 Gerai Good
 - o 7 Pakankamai Highly satisfactory
 - o 6 Patenkinamai Satisfactory
 - o 5 Silpnai Sufficient
 - o 4-1 Insufficient

Other main grading systems

Alongside the 10 point system, institutions may use the pass/fail system. Examinations and work defence evaluations, as a rule, are graded. For the courses that do not end with an examination, the pass system is used to test if students have earned the credits allocated to it. Students succeed when they prove they have assimilated not less than 50% of the required knowledge.

Lithuania conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Puikiai | 10 | 10-9.5 |
| Labai gerai | 9 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Gerai | 8 | 8.0 |
| Pakankamai | 7 | 7.5 |
| Patenkinamai | 6 | 7.0-6.5 |
| Silpnai | 5 | 6.0 |
| | 4 | Onvoldoende |

Norway

Description of grading system

- A common system based on the ECTS system (A-F) has been introduced.
- Highest on scale: A
- Pass/fail level: E
- Lowest on scale: F

Norway conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | B | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | C | 8.0-7.5 |
| Satisfactory | D | 7.0-6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | Onvoldoende |

Poland

Description of grading system

- Point scale: 5 – 2
 - o 5 Very good
 - o 4 Good
 - o 3 Satisfactory
 - o 2 Unsatisfactory / Fail

Other main grading systems

For non-final exams, the marks '+' and '-' are often added to the principal grade. In some schools, the grade 6 (excellent) exists.

Poland conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 5.5 | 10-9.5 |
| | 5 | 9.0 |
| Very good | 4.5 | 8.5 |
| Good | 4 | 8.0-7.5 |
| Satisfactory | 3.5 | 7.0-6.5 |
| Sufficient | 3 | 6.0 |
| Fail | 2 | Onvoldoende |

Portugal

Structure of higher education

- Bachelor = Licenciado (4 to 5 years).
- Master = Mester (2 years), at least a grade of 14.

Description of grading system

- The result achieved in a subject, whether through continuous assessment or in an examination is generally expressed in a scale from 0 to 20.
- EC grades (A-F) are given based on percentage of successful students normally achieving the grade (like the American based grading).

Portugal conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Muito bom com distincao e louvor | Excellent | 20 | 10 |
| Muito bom com distincao | Very Good | 19 | 9.5 |
| | | 18 | 9.0 |
| Bom com distincao | Good | 17 | 8.5 |
| | | 16 | 8.0 |
| Bom | Satisfactory | 15 | 7.5 |
| | | 14 | 7.5 |
| Suficiente | Sufficient | 13 | 7.0 |
| | | 12 | 7.0 |
| | | 11 | 6.5 |
| | | 10 | 6.0 |
| Mediocre/reprovado | Fail | 7-9 | Onvoldoende |
| Mau/Reprovado | Fail | 0-6 | Onvoldoende |

Romania

Romania conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter Symbol | Point Value | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 10 | 9 - 10 |
| Very Good | B | 9 | 8 - 8.5 |
| Good | C | 8 | 7.5 |
| Good | C | 7 | 7 |
| Satisfactory | D | 6 | 6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 5 | 6 |
| Fail | FX / F | 1-4 | Onvoldoende |

This scheme is based on the University of Cluj Napoca

Slovakia

Structure of higher education:

- The **state-owned higher education institutions** are police, military and healthcare institutions.
- The **private higher education institutions** are non-profit-making organisations offering generally useful services or limited liable companies which were founded with the purpose of providing education and research.
- The **foreign higher education institutions** which want to operate on the territory of the SR and come from a member country of the European Union may provide education according to legislation of the State of their place of residence.

Bachelor:

The first cycle study programmes – Bachelor study programmes are aimed at acquisition of theoretical knowledge and practical knowledge based on the recent state in the science or art and at management of its use in practice or in continuation in further higher education study. Bachelor study programme graduates achieve the higher education of the first level and receive academic degree of Bachelor (abbr. “Bc.”). Duration of the study is 3 – 4 years. Depending on the standard length of study it is necessary to get 180 up to 240 credits. The organisation of all levels and forms of higher education study is based on the credit system. The credit system of study enables by credits to evaluate the student's load connected with the completion of the units of study programme in agreement with the rules contained in the study programme. The standard load is expressed by the number of credits as follows: 60 for academic year, 30 credits for semester and 20 credits for trimester.

Description of the grading system:

| Grade | Grade in # | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Excellent | 1 | A | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | 1.5 | B | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | 2 | C | 8.0-7.5 |
| Satisfactory | 2.5 | D | 7.0-6.5 |
| Sufficient | 3 | E | 6.0 |
| Fail | 4 | F | Onvoldoende |

Slovenia

Structure of higher education:

Public higher education is free of charge for native full-time students and for students from EU countries. Part-time students and post-graduate students pay tuition fees.

Degree study programmes are classified into three cycles as follows:

- first cycle (academic study programmes and professionally-oriented study programmes),
- second cycle (study programmes leading to Magisterij), and
- third cycle (study programmes leading to the Doktorat znanosti).

First cycle study programmes are at the undergraduate level, second and third cycle study programmes are at graduate level. Higher education institutions comprise universities, faculties, art academies or professional colleges. Slovenia has 4 universities with 37 faculties, 3 art academies or professional colleges, and 10 single higher education institutions (Samostojni visokošolski zavodi) established as private institutions.

Description of grading system

- Point value 10-1
 - o 10 Excellent
 - o 9 Very good
 - o 8 Good
 - o 7 Fair
 - o 6 Sufficient / Pass
 - o 5-1 Insufficient / Fail

Slovenia conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Distinction / Excellent | 10 | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | 9 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | 8 | 8.0-7.5 |
| Fair | 7 | 7.0-6.5 |
| Pass | 6 | 6.0 |
| Fail | 5.0 or lower | Onvoldoende |

Spain

Description of grading system

- Both Point value and Letter symbols systems are in use.
- Letter symbol systems generally use A (Matrícula de honor) till E (Aprobado), whereas F (Suspendo) stands for Fail.
- Point value systems are in use at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universidad Pontificia Comillas and Universidad Pública de Navarra. The latter is strikingly similar to the Dutch system.
- Point value 10-5
 - 10 Matrícula de honor
 - 9-9.9 Sobresaliente
 - 7-8.9 Notable
 - 5-6.9 Aprobado
 - < 5 Suspendo

Other main grading systems

For theses No apto; Aprobado; Notable; Sobresaliente; Cum laude

Spain conversion scheme; general; Letter symbol systems

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Matrícula de honor | A+ | 10 |
| Sobresaliente (honor) | A | 9.5 |
| Sobresaliente | B | 9.0-8.5 |
| Notable | C | 8.0-7.5 |
| Notable | D | 7.0-6.5 |
| Aprobado | E | 6.0 |
| Suspendo | F | Onvoldoende |

Spain conversion scheme; Point value systems

| Grade | Point value Barcelona; Comillas | Point value Navarra | Dutch Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Matrícula de honor | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sobresaliente (honor) | 10-9.8 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| Sobresaliente | 9.7-9.5 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| Sobresaliente | 9.4-9.0 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| Notable | 8.9-8.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Notable | 8.4-8.0 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Notable | 7.9-7.5 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Notable | 7.0-7.4 | | 6.5 |
| Aprobado | 6.9-6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Aprobado | 6.4-5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Suspendo | < 5.0 | | Onvoldoende |

Sweden

Structure of higher education

- University first level stage (bachelor): 3 year (undergraduate) - kandidatexamen
- University second level (master): 1 year (postgraduate) - magisterexamen met änmesdjup

Description of grading system

- A Letter symbol system is generally in use, amongst others at Lund University.
 - Väl Godkänd: Very good
Sometimes a 'distinction' or '+' is added for outstanding performances.
 - Godkänd: Pass
A subdivision using '+', flat and '-' is generally used.
 - Underkänd Fail
- Uppsala University uses a system similar to the EU Letter symbol system (A-F).

Sweden conversion scheme; General / Lund

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Väl Godkänd | VG+ | 10 |
| | VG | 9.5-9.0 |
| | VG | 8.5-8.0 |
| Godkänd | G+ | 7.5 |
| | G | 7.0-6.5 |
| | G- | 6.0 |
| Underkänd | U | Onvoldoende |

Sweden conversion scheme; Uppsala (EU system)

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | B | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | C | 8.0-7.5 |
| Satisfactory | D | 7.0-6.5 |
| Sufficient | E | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | Onvoldoende |

Switzerland

Structure of higher education:

In Switzerland, the higher education system at University-level consists of ten cantonal Universities, two federal Institutes of Technology and seven Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen), as well as the recently founded Schools for Teacher Education and many Advanced Vocational Colleges. Private universities only offer postgraduate studies. There is no numerus clausus for subjects studied at University, except for Medicine at the German-speaking Universities.

- University level first stage: Basic studies/Diploma studies/Bachelor studies:

Universities: The first period of long-cycle study is essentially devoted to broadly-based studies. It takes 2 to 6 semesters and generally ends with intermediate examinations called Vordiplomprüfungen, Akzessprüfungen, Demi-licence or Propädeutika (medicine), depending on the subject and the university.

Universities of Applied Sciences: Undergraduate studies last from 6 to 8 semesters and culminate in the award of a Diploma.

- University level second stage: Main studies/Master studies:

The second period (main studies) is devoted to in-depth study, often with some specializations. After a further 4 semesters, a Lizentiat/Licence is conferred in Arts, Law and Science. A further 5 semesters are required for the Diploma/Diplôme in Engineering. In Medicine, a total of 10 semesters is required, whereas in Dentistry, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine, a total of 12 to 12 semesters is needed.

- University level third stage: Postgraduate studies:

Shorter postgraduate courses leading to the award of a Certificate or a Diploma are offered by Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences. They are usually part-time courses and have a vocational orientation. Meanwhile, some Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences are also offering further training via advanced Master programmes (at least 60 credits) to be known as MAS (Master of Advanced Studies). The Doctorate in Switzerland is regarded as a stage of postgraduate education.

Description of main grading system

- The most commonly numerical grading systems in use is a 6-1 scale
- Highest on scale: 6
- Pass/fail level: 4 (pass mark); 2 (fail mark)

Switzerland conversion scheme

| Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|
| 6.0 | 10-9.5 |
| 6.0-5.6 | 9.0-8.5 |
| 5.5-5.1 | 8.0-7.5 |
| 5.0-4.6 | 7.0-6.5 |
| 4.5-4.0 | 6.0 |
| < 4.0 | Onvoldoende |

II. Conversion tables for non EU-countries

Argentina

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Licenciatura, Professional Title; 4 to 6 years.
- University level second stage: Especialización, Maestría: 1 to 2 years
- University level third stage: Doctorado

Description of grading system

- Point value system 10-0
 - o 10 Excelente / Sobresaliente
 - o 9 Muy Bueno / Distinguido
 - o 7-8 Bueno / Distinguido
 - o 5-6 Aprobado / Bueno
 - o 4-4.9 Aprobado
 - o 2-3 Desaprobado / Insuficiente
 - o 0-1 Reprobado / Desaprobado

Argentina conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excelente / Sobresaliente | 10 | 10-9.5 |
| Muy Bueno / Distinguido | 9 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Distinguido / Bueno | 8 | 8.0 |
| Bueno | 7 | 7.5 |
| Aprobado / Bueno | 6 | 7.0 |
| Aprobado | 5 | 6.5 |
| Aprobado | 4 | 6.0 |
| Desaprobado / Insuficiente | 2-3 | Onvoldoende |
| Reprobado / Desaprobado | 0-1 | Onvoldoende |

Australia

Structure of higher education

- **University level first stage: Undergraduate Studies**
Leads to the Bachelor's Degree. Undergraduate studies last between three years (Arts, Science, Commerce), four years (Education, Engineering), five years (Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Architecture) and five or six years (Medicine and Surgery) full-time.
- **University level second stage: Postgraduate Studies**
Master degrees typically require two years following a three-year Bachelor degree and one or two years following an Honours or four-year Bachelor degree and are normally by coursework and project/research work or by research and thesis.
- **University level third stage: Doctorate**
The holder of a four-year Bachelor degree with Honours at a sufficiently high level, or a Master degree may proceed to a Doctoral programme. The most common Doctoral programme in Australia is the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Description of grading system

- For undergraduate degree subjects and postgraduate coursework degree subjects there are generally five grades: High Distinction (HD), Distinction (D), Credit (C), Pass (P) and Fail (F). Grading scales vary between institutions.

Australia conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| High Distinction | HD | 98-100 | 10 |
| High Distinction | HD | 93-97 | 9.5 |
| High Distinction | HD | 88-92 | 9.0 |
| High Distinction | HD | 83-87 | 8.5 |
| Distinction | D | 78-82 | 8.0 |
| Distinction | D | 73-77 | 7.5 |
| Credit | C | 68-72 | 7.0 |
| Credit | C | 63-67 | 6.5 |
| Pass | P | 50-62 | 6.0 |

Brazil

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Bacharelado Licenciatura: 4-6 years (HBO-opleiding)
- University level second stage: Mestrado: minimum 1 year
- University level third stage: Doutorado: 3-4 year

Description of grading system

- Different grading systems are used. Generally, a 0-10 grading system is used for course and research work. Some degrees require a final exam, such as in Medicine, Engineering and Law.
- Point scale 0-10
 - o 9-10 Superior superior
 - o 7-8 Media superior
 - o 5-6 Media media
 - o 3-4 Media inferior
 - o 1-2 Inferior inferior
 - o 0 Sin rendimento

Brazil conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Superior superior | A+ | 10 | 10 |
| Superior superior | A | 9.5-10 | 9.5 |
| Superior superior | A- | 9.5 (9.6) | 9.0 |
| Superior superior | B+ | 9.0 (8.8) | 8.5 |
| Media superior | B | 8.5 | 8.0 |
| Media superior | B- | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Media superior | C+ | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Media superior | C | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Media media | C- | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Media media | D+ | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Media media | D | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Media media | D- | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| Fail | | < 5.0 | Onvoldoende |

Canada

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Bachelor's Degree: 3-4 years
- University level second stage: Master's Degree: 1-2 years
- University level third stage: Doctorate: minimum 3 years

Description of grading system

- A Letter symbol system is used, corresponding to frequencies.
- The most common scale is:
 - A 80-100% (or 75-100%)
 - B 70-79%
 - C 60-69%
 - D 50-59%
 - F below 50%
- Subdivisions are sometimes used, as is shown in the scheme.

Canada conversion scheme

| Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| A++ | 100 | 10 |
| A+/A++ | 95-99 | 9.5 |
| A+ | 90-94 | 9.0 |
| A | 85-89 | 8.5 |
| A- | 80-84 | 8.0 |
| B+ | 77-79 | 7.5 |
| B | 73-76 | 7.5 |
| B- | 70-72 | 7.0 |
| C | 60-69 | 6.5 |
| D | 50-59 | 6.0 |
| F | Onvoldoende | Fail |

Chili

Structure of higher education

- University level second stage: Licenciatura: 4 – 7 years (bachelor)
- University level third stage: Magister: 2 years
- University level fourth stage: Doctorado: 3-5 years

Description of grading system

- Point value: 1-7
 - 6-7 Very good
 - 5-5.9 Good
 - 4-4.9 Average
 - 1-3.9 Fail

Chili conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Universidad de Chile | Dutch Grade |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Very Good (Muy Bueno) | 6.50 - 7.00 | 95.00 - 100.00 | 8.5-10 |
| | 6.00 - 6.49 | 90.00 - 94.00 | 8.0 |
| | 5.50 - 5.99 | 80.00 - 89.00 | 7.5 |
| Good (Bueno) | 5.00 - 5.49 | 70.00 - 79.00 | 7.0-7.5 |
| | 4.50 - 4.99 | 65.00 - 69.00 | 6.5-7.0 |
| Sufficient (Suficiente) | 4.00 - 4.49 | 60.00 - 64.00 | 6.0-6.5 |
| Insufficient (Insuficiente) | 0.00 - 3.99 | 10.00 - 59.00 | Onvoldoende |

China (including Hongkong)

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Undergraduate education: 4 years.
- University level second stage: Postgraduate education: 2-3 years.
- University level third stage: Doctoral post graduate education: 3-4 years.

Description of grading system

- A percentage scale is used, sometimes in combination with a letter symbol.
- The pass/fail level for the percentage scale is 60.
- In Letter symbols systems A, B, C and D are above pass level; F stands for fail.

China conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 98-100 | 10 |
| Excellent | | 93-97 | 9.5 |
| Excellent | | 90-92 | 9.0 |
| Good | B | 88-89 | 8.5 |
| Good | | 80-87 | 8.0 |
| Fair | C | 78-79 | 7.5 |
| Fair | | 73-77 | 7.0 |
| Fair | | 70-72 | 6.5 |
| Pass | D | 60-69 | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | < 60 | Onvoldoende |

Hongkong conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A+ | 10 |
| Excellent | A | 9.5 |
| Excellent | A- | 9.0 |
| Good | B+ | 8.5 |
| Good | B / B- | 8.0 |
| Fair | C+ / C | 7.5 |
| Fair | C- | 6.5 |
| Pass | D+ / D / D- | 6.0 |

Colombia

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Título profesional: 4-5 years (Bachelor)
- Specialization following Título profesional (e.g. Medicine, Law, business): Título de especialista: 1-1.5 years (Bachelor)
- University level second stage: Título de magister: 2 years (Master)
- University level third stage: Título de doctor: 4-5 years (PhD)

Description of grading system

- Most higher education institutions use a scale of 0-5, where 3 or higher means a sufficient grade.
- An overall final grade is awarded by some universities and can be found on the transcripts as *promedio acumulado*.

Colombia conversion schemes

| Grade | Numeric | Dutch Grade | Opmerking |
|---------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Excelente | 5.0 | 9.5-10 | Excellent |
| Excelente | 4.6-4.9 | 9.0 | Excellent |
| Sobresaliente | 4.0-4.5 | 8.0 | Outstanding |
| Bien | 3.5-3.9 | 7.0 | Good |
| Suficiente | 3.0-3.4 | 6.0 | Sufficient |
| Deficiente | < 3.0 | Onvoldoende | Insufficient |

Ecuador

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Undergraduate education: 4 years.
Access to undergraduate studies provided if student obtained the *Bachillerato / Ciclo Diversificado* (Secondary Baccalaureate / Diversified Cycle) which represents completion of three years of upper-secondary education and completion of high school
- University level second stage: Postgraduate education: 2 years.
- University level third stage: Doctoral post-graduate education.

Description of grading system

- Grading systems vary per institution, so it is best to refer to transcripts.
- Grade reports normally have information on the Spanish descriptions of numeric grades. Different faculties within the same university may use different numeric scales, but the Spanish descriptions of numeric grades remain constant.

Ecuador conversion schemes

| Grade | Numeric | Dutch Grade | Opmerking |
|---------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| Sobresaliente | 40 | 10 | Excellent (A) |
| Muy bueno | 39-35 | 9.5-9.0-8.5 | Very good (B) |
| Bueno | 34-30 | 8.0-7.5-7.0 | Good (C) |
| Regular | 29-24 | 6.5-6.0 | Average (D) |
| Arrastre | < 23 | Onvoldoende | Fail (F) |

Examples for other numeric scales:

- 1 to 10, with 7 as the minimum passing grade, converted as 10.00 = 10; 9.00-9.99 = 9.0-9.5; 8.00-8.99 = 7.5-8.5; 7.00-7.99 = 6-7.
- 0 to 50, with 35 as the minimum passing grade, converted as: 50= 10; 45-49 = 8.5-9.5; 40-44 = 7-8; 35-39 = 6-6.5.
- 0 to 100, with 60 as the minimum passing grade, converted as: 90-100 (sobresaliente / outstanding) = 9.5-10; 80-89 (muy bueno / very good) = 8-9, 70- 79 (bueno/good) = 7-7.5, 60-69 (regular / average) = 6-6.5.

Ghana

Structure of higher education

- Depending on the entry-diploma, first-cycle studies (BA) are 3 or 4 years.
- University level second stage: Postgraduate education:
 - Master's Degree (Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration, etc.): one- or two-year program
 - Master of Philosophy/M.Phil.: two or three years of study
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery: represents six to seven years of study beyond secondary school credentials

Description of grading system

Both letter (A-F) and percentage grades are used by the various institutions. The grading scale is normally noted on transcripts.

Ghana conversion scheme:

| Grade | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|-------|------------|-------------|
| A | 98-100 | 10 |
| | 93-97 | 9.5 |
| | 90-92 | 9.0 |
| B | 88-89 | 8.5 |
| | 80-87 | 8.0 |
| C | 78-79 | 7.5 |
| | 73-77 | 7.0 |
| | 70-72 | 6.5 |
| D | 60-69 | 6.0 |
| F | < 60 | |

Iceland

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Baccalaureus: 3-4 years (Bachelor)
- University level second stage: Meistarapróf (or Kandídatpróf in Medicine/Dentistry): 1-2 years (Master)
- University level third stage: Doktorspróf: 1-7 years (PhD)

Description of grading system

- Undergraduate grading scale of 0-10 with a minimum pass mark of 5;
- Grades are given in increments of 0.5;
- Some institutions may require a mark of 6 and above to be considered a pass for Master's level programmes.

Iceland conversion scheme:

| Grade | Dutch Grade |
|---------|-------------|
| 10 | 10 |
| 9.5 | 9.5 |
| 9 | 9 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 |
| 8 | 8 |
| 7.5 | 7.5 |
| 7 | 7 |
| 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 6 | 6 |
| 5.0/5.5 | 6 |

India

Structure of higher education

- 1st level studies result in a Bachelor degree (in India: Graduate degree): 3-4 years of studies, depending on the discipline.
- Medicine graduate degree: 5,5 years of studies
- 2nd level studies result in a Master degree (in India Post-graduate degree): 2 years after the Bachelor.

Description of grading system

Grading scale differ by type of program and institutions in India. The grading scales range from A to F and 10 points to 0 points. Some institutions use the 4.0 grading scale common to the U.S. The minimum passing grades may also vary by institution and type of programs. The applicable grading scales are usually found on the bottom or the reverse of the mark sheets.

India conversion scheme

(Example for 0-100% with 50% as minimum passing percentage)

| Grade | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|-------|------------|-------------|
| A | 98-100 | 10 |
| | 95-97 | 9.5 |
| | 90-94 | 9.0 |
| B | 85-89 | 8.5 |
| | 78-84 | 8.0 |
| C | 71-77 | 7.5 |
| | 64-70 | 7.0 |
| D | 57-63 | 6.5 |
| | 50-56 | 6.0 |
| F | < 50 | Onvoldoende |

Indonesia

Main credit system used by higher education institutions

A credit system is used. It is essential to see the academic transcript in addition to the degree certificate.

- Akademi (Diploma) 120 credits
- Politeknik (Diploma) 120 credits
- Sekolah Tinggi 144-160 credits
- Institut 144-160 credits
- Universities
 - S1 144-160 credits
 - S2 180-194 credits
 - S3 230 credits

Indonesia conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pass | A | 4.0 | 10-9.5 |
| Pass | A- | 3.7 | 9.0 |
| Pass | B+ | 3.3 | 8.5 |
| Pass | B | 3 | 8.0-7.5 |
| Pass | B- | 2.7 | 7.0 |
| Pass | C+ | 2.3 | 6.5 |
| Pass | C | 2.0 | 6.0 |
| Fail | C- / D / E | 1.7-1.0-0 | Onvoldoende |

Israel

Structure of higher education

- 1st level studies result in a Bachelor degree. Technical degrees need a different (High School) entry certificate than other degrees: generally three years of studying.
- 2nd level studies result in a Master degree: one or two years of studying

Description of grading system

Grade scales for postsecondary education vary by institution but typically use 0-100 scales with either 50 or 65 as passing. Keep the passing grade in mind in order to adjust the suggested conversion scheme below to the specific passing grade that the institution in question uses.

Israel conversion scheme (Tabel ontleend aan UvT; IDC Herzliya Law School):

| Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|
| 100 | 10 |
| 95-99 | 9.5 |
| 90-94 | 9.0 |
| 85-89 | 8.5 |
| 80-84 | 8.0 |
| 75-79 | 7.5 |
| 70-74 | 7.0 |
| 65-69 | 6.5 |
| 60-64 | 6.0 |
| < 60 | Onvoldoende |

Jamaica

Jamaica conversion scheme

| Grade | GPA | Dutch Grade |
|-------|---------|-------------|
| A+ | 4.3 | 9.0-10.0 |
| A | 4.0 | 8.5 |
| A- | 3.7 | 8.0 |
| B+ | 3.3 | 7.5 |
| B | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| B- | 2.7 | 6.5 |
| C+ | 2.3 | 6.0 |
| C | 2.0 | 6.0 |
| F | 0.0-1.7 | FAIL |

Japan

Description of main grading systems

- A variety of grading systems is used, but the most common is the Percentage scale with 60 per cent as the pass mark.
 - A 80-100%
 - B 70-79%
 - C 60-69%
 - F 0-59% (fail)

Other main grading systems

Marking: yu (excellent), ryō (good), ka (pass), huka (fail).

Japan conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|-------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Yu | A ⁺ | 100 | 10 |
| Yu | A | 95-99 | 9.5 |
| Yu | A | 90-94 | 9.0 |
| Yu | A | 80-89 | 8.5-8.0 |
| Ryō | B | 70-79 | 7.5-7.0 |
| Ka | C | 60-69 | 6.5-6.0 |
| Huka | E / F / G | 0-59 | Onvoldoende |

⁴ In some programs an A or A+ is also indicated by an S

Kazachstan

Kazachstan conversion scheme

| Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| A (A+) | 95-100 | 9.0-10 |
| A- | 90-94 | 8.5 |
| B+ | 85-89 | 8.0 |
| B | 80-84 | 7.5 |
| B- | 75-79 | 7.5 |
| C+ | 70-74 | 7.0 |
| C | 65-69 | 7.0 |
| C- | 60-64 | 6.5 |
| D+ | 55-59 | 6.0 |
| D | 50-54 | 6.0 |
| F | 0-49 | Onvoldoende |

Kenya

Kenya conversion scheme

| Grade | GPA | Dutch Grade | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 100 | 10 |
| Excellent | A | 90-99 | 9.5 |
| Excellent | A | 80-89 | 9.0 |
| Excellent | A | 70-79 | 8.5 |
| Good | B | 60-69 | 8.0 |
| Satisfactory | C | 50-59 | 7.0 |
| Sufficient | D | 40-49 | 6.0 |
| Fail | E | 0-39 | Onvoldoende |

Malaysia

Structure of higher education

- Bachelor's are between 3-5 years depending on the field of study.
- Diploma programs are also awarded by polytechs and universities but take only 1-2 years of study
- Second level studies are: Diploma Lanjutan (1-2 years), also called advanced or specialist diploma OR Sarjana (1-2 years), which is equivalent to a master degree.

Description of grading system

Grade scales for postsecondary education vary by institution but typically use 0-100 scales with 40 as passing.

Malaysia conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pass with Distinction | A | 97-100 | 10 |
| | | 92-96 | 9.5 |
| | | 86-91 | 9.0 |
| | | 80-85 | 8.5 |
| Pass with High credit | B | 72-79 | 8.0 |
| Pass with credit | C | 64-71 | 7.5 |
| | | 56-63 | 7.0 |
| Pass | D | 48-55 | 6.5 |
| | | 40-47 | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | 0-39 | Onvoldoende |

Mexico

Description of grading system

- Point scale 10-5
 - o 10 Excelente (excellent)
 - o 9 Muy bien (very good)
 - o 8 Bien (good)
 - o 7 Suficiente (pass)
 - o 5 Reprobado/no suficiente (fail)

Mexico conversion scheme

| Grade | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 10 | 98-100 | 10 |
| | 94-98 | 9.5 |
| 9.0 | 90-93 | 9.0 |
| | 87-89 | 8.5 |
| | 84-86 | 8.0 |
| 8.0 | 81-83 | 7.5 |
| | 77-80 | 7.0 |
| | 74-76 | 6.5 |
| 7.0 | 70-73 | 6.0 |
| < 7.0 | | Onvoldoende |

UDLAP conversion scheme

| Grade | Dutch Grade |
|---------|-------------|
| 10 | 10 |
| 9.7-9.9 | 9.5 |
| 9.4-9.6 | 9.0 |
| 9.0-9.3 | 8.5 |
| 8.7-8.9 | 8.0 |
| 8.4-8.6 | 7.5 |
| 8.0-8.3 | 7 |
| 7.6-7.9 | 6.5 |
| 7.5 | 6 |
| < 7.5 | Onvoldoende |

New Zealand

Description of grading system

- In general the higher education institutions use a scale of 9 passing grades: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-. C- is sometimes missing.
- There are 2 failing grades: D and E (or F).

New Zealand conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A+ | 10-9.5 |
| Excellent | A | 9.0 |
| Excellent | A- | 8.5 |
| Good | B+ | 8.0 |
| Good | B | 7.5 |
| Good | B- | 7.0 |
| Satisfactory | C+ | 6.5 |
| Satisfactory | C | 6.0 |
| Fail | D / E (or F) | Onvoldoende |

Nicaragua

Structure of higher education

- The number of professional degrees is diverse...
- On university 1st level:
 - Licenciatura (equivalent to BA) takes 4-5 years.
 - *Título de Doctor en Medicina y Cirugía* (Title of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery): 6 years
- On university 2nd level:
 - Grado academico de maestria (equivalent to master degree): 2 years
 - Título de especialista en... ("Title of specialist in..." refers to a medical specialization): length depends on specialization

Description of grading system

Grade scales generally run from 0-100. During secondary education the minimum for passing is 60% (like in the Netherlands), at university level, however, the minimum passing grade is 70%.

Nicaragua conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sobresaliente | 98-100 | 10 |
| | 95-97 | 9.5 |
| | 91-94 | 9.0 |
| Muy bueno | 87-90 | 8.5 |
| | 84-86 | 8.0 |
| | 80-83 | 7.5 |
| Bueno | 77-79 | 7.0 |
| | 74-76 | 6.5 |
| | 70-73 | 6.0 |
| Reprobado | < 69 | Onvoldoende |

Philippines

Structure of higher education

- The number of professional degrees is diverse; there are several 1-2 year programs at university or college level.
- On university 1st level:
 - Most Bachelor's (*Batsilyer sa mga Sining* or *Batsilyer sa Agham* or *Batsilyer*) take 3-5 years (most commonly 4).
 - *Bachelor in Law*: 5 years
 - *Bachelors in the medical sector*: 4-6 years
- On university 2nd level:
 - *Diploma* or Post-Graduate Diploma or Post-Graduate Certificate: one to two years of study.
 - *Dalubhasa* or Kadalubhasaan (Expert) or *Masterado* or Master degree in any field: two to three years of study

Description of grading system

Grading scales run from 1(best)-5(worst). 3 is the passing grade, 4 is conditional fail. At some institutions, a 2.75 average is required to graduate, but often a 3.0 average is sufficient. Many schools employ slight variations on the above scales, but such variations will usually be explained on the transcript.

Philippines general conversion scheme

| Numeric | Percentage | Description | Dutch Grade |
|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1.00 | 97-100 | Excellent | 10 |
| 1.25 | 94-96 | Excellent | 9.5 |
| 1.50 | 91-93 | Very Good | 9.0 |
| 1.75 | 88-90 | Very Good | 8.5 |
| 2.00 | 85-87 | Good | 8.0 |
| 2.25 | 83-84 | Good | 7.5 |
| 2.50 | 80-82 | Satisfactory | 7.0 |
| 2.75 | 77.8-79 | Satisfactory | 6,5 |
| 3.00 | 75-77.7 | Pass | 6.0 |
| 4.00 | 70-74 | Conditional fail | 5.5 |
| 5.00 | 0-69 | Fail | Onvoldoende |

Philippines conversion scheme; Ateneo de Manila University

| Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|-------------|
| A (92-100) | 10-9.5 |
| B+ (87-91) | 9.0 |
| B (83-86) | 8.5-8.0 |
| C+ (79-82) | 7.5 |
| C (75-78) | 7.0-6.5 |
| D | 6.0 |
| | Onvoldoende |

Peru

Description of grading system

- Point value: 0-20
- Highest on scale: 20
- Pass/fail level: 11
- Lowest on scale: 0

Peru conversion scheme

| Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|
| 20 | 10 |
| 19 | 9.5 |
| 18 | 9.0 |
| 17 | 8.5 |
| 16 | 8.0 |
| 15 | 7.5 |
| 14 | 7.0 |
| 13 | 6.5 |
| 11 | 6.0 |
| <11 | Onvoldoende |

Russia

Structure of higher education

- The number of professional degrees is diverse; there are several 1-2 year programs at university or college level, or post-vocational university courses.
- On university 1st level:
 - Most Bachelor's take 4 years of studying
 - *Diploma of Specialist* (e.g. Engineering and some technological fields): 5- 6 years of study
 - *Diploma of (Veterinary) Medicine*: (5)6 years of studying
- On university 2nd level:
 - *Master degree*: one to two years of study, depending on the entry- certificate
 - *Candidate of Sciences*: 3 years of studying following a Bachelor. Maybe equivalent to research master. This program is a prerequisite for the subsequent doctor's diploma.

Description of grading system

Grades run from 2(fail)-5(best). Between 2 and 3 there is an extra level called "pass", which is only used when assignments are evaluated according to a pass/fail system. A 2(fail) is generally not mentioned on the diploma. The Russian transliteration of the word "pass" is "zachet".

Russia conversion scheme

| Point value | Dutch Grade | Description (Russian transliteration) | Description |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5 (98-100) | 10-9.5 | Otlitchno | Excellent |
| 5 | 9.0-8.5 | Otlitchno | Excellent |
| 4 | 8.0-7.5 | Khorosho | Good |
| 3 | 7.0-6.5-6.0 | Udovletvoritelno | Satisfactory |
| 2 | Onvoldoende | Neudovletvoritelno | Fail |

St. Petersburg State University conversion scheme:

| Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|
| A | 10 |
| B | 9.0 |
| C | 8.0 |
| D | 7.0 |
| E | 6.0 |
| F | Onvoldoende |

Higher School of Economics conversion scheme for 10-point scale:

| Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|-------------|
| 10 | 9.5-10 |
| 9. | 9.0 |
| 8 | 8.5 |
| 7 | 8.0 |
| 6 | 7.5 |
| 5 | 6.5-7.0 |
| 4 | 6 |
| 1-3 | Onvoldoende |

Senegal

Structure of higher education

- Senegal has been in the process of changing its university system to a LMD (licentiate, master, doctorate) approach since 2008/2009. The changes are being applied gradually so the old and the new system exist next to each other.
- On university 1st level:
 - before LMD reform 2 years of study □ *Diplôme Universitaire d'Études*
 - after LMD reform 3 years of studying □ Licentiate (Licence)
- On university 2nd level:
 - *Master degree/maitrise*: one year of study
- Medicine and Engineering have special conditions.
- More info about the enormous variety:
https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/senegal.pdf

Description of grading system

Grading system runs from 0-20 like in France. Students must have an overall average of 10.0 for the year in order to pass the year. Individual grades below 10.0 may be considered passing if the yearly average is 10.0 or above.

Senegal conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Très bien | A | 20 | 10 |
| | A | 19-19.99 | 9.5 |
| | A | 17-18.99 | 9.0 |
| | A | 16-16.99 | 8.5 |
| Bien | B | 15-15.99 | 8.0 |
| | B | 14-14.99 | 7.5 |
| Assez bien | C | 12-13.99 | 7.0 |
| Passable | D | 11-11.99 | 6.5 |
| | E | 10-10.99 | 6.0 |
| Ajourné | F | 9 | Onvoldoende |
| | | 8 | Onvoldoende |

Singapore

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Bachelor's Degree (Pass or Pass with Merit or Honours): 3 to 5 yrs.
Bachelor degrees in Law require four years.
- University level second stage: Master's Degree: 1 to 3 yrs
The Master's degree is obtained after one to three years of postgraduate study. Candidates for a Master's by research must hold a good Honours degree and submit a thesis. The minimum entry qualification for a Master's by course work and dissertation is a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, although requirements vary from course to course.

Description of main grading systems

- Polytechnics and the Institute of Technical Education use the following scale:
 - A Excellent 80-100%
 - B Very good 70-79%
 - C Good 60-69%
 - D Pass 50-59%
 - E Subsidiary pass
- Polytechnics generally attribute a Distinction or '+' for the top 5%.

Singapore conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Distinction | A+ | 95-100% | 10 |
| Excellent | A | 90-94% | 9.5 |
| | A- | 80-89% | 9.0 |
| Very good | B+ | 75-79% | 8.5 |
| | B | 70-74% | 8.0 |
| Good | C+ | 65-69% | 7.5 |
| | C | 60-64% | 7.0 |
| Pass | D+ | 55-59% | 6.5 |
| | D | 50-54% | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | | Onvoldoende |

South Africa

Description of main grading system

- In general a Percentage system is in use:
 - 1st class 75-100%
 - 2nd class division 1 70-74%
 - 2nd class division 2 60-69%
 - 3rd class 50-59%
 - Fail below 50%
- Some universities only distinguish between Distinction (75-100%) and Pass (50- 74%).
- University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University use a more elaborate percentage system that is shown in the scheme below.

South Africa conversion scheme; Cape Town and Stellenbosch

| Percentage Cape Town | Dutch Grade | Percentage Stellenbosch | Dutch Grade |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 90-100 | 10-9.5 | 95-100 | 10 |
| | | 90-94 | 9.5 |
| 80-89 | 9.0-8.5 | 85-89 | 9.0 |
| | | 80-84 | 8.5 |
| 75-79 | 8.0 | 74-79 | 8.0 |
| 70-74 | 7.5 | 70-73 | 7.5 |
| 63-69 | 7.0 | 64-69 | 7.0 |
| 57-62 | 6.5 | 58-63 | 6.5 |
| 50-56 | 6.0 | 50-57 | 6.0 |

South Korea

Description of grading system

- Letter symbols A-D:
 - A indicates distinguished levels of mastery of the course
 - B indicates good mastery
 - C indicates acceptable mastery
 - D indicates minimum acceptable achievement.
- Sometimes subdivisions are used: '+', flat and '-'.
- A student's GPA is determined by the ratio of quality points earned in semester hours. A = 4 points; B = 3 points; C = 2 points; and D = 1 point

South Korea conversion scheme

| Grade | Grade | GPA | Dutch Grade |
|-------|-------|----------------------|-------------|
| A+ | A | 4.3-4.5 ⁵ | 10 |
| A/A+ | | 4.0-4.3 | 9.5 |
| A- | | 3.7 | 9.0 |
| B+ | B | 3.3 | 8.5 |
| B | | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| B- | | 2.7 | 8.0 |
| C+ | C | 2.3 | 7.5 |
| C | | 2.0 | 7.0 |
| C- | | 1.7 | 7.0 |
| D+ | D | 1.3 | 6.5 |
| D | | 1.0 | 6.0 |
| D- | | 0.7 | 6.0 |

⁵ Per university, the top GPA score may vary.

Taiwan

Structure of higher education

- **University level first stage: Bachelor's Degree**
Admission to the first stage is based on the results obtained in the Universities and Colleges Joint Entrance Examination.
Most Bachelor's Degree courses last for four years. The exceptions are Medicine (seven years), Dentistry (six years), Veterinary Medicine (five years). A total of 128 credits are required for a Bachelor's Degree.
At the Open University, Bachelor's courses last seven to eight years.
- **University level second stage: Master's Degree**
Further specialization leads to Master's Degrees which normally require two years study following upon a Bachelor's Degree.
- **University level third stage: Specialization and individual research, Doctorate.** The third stage leads to the highest university degree, the Doctorate, which requires a minimum of a further two years of study.

Description of grading system

- The National Chengchi University uses a Percentage system. 60% is the minimum pass mark in undergraduate courses and 70% in postgraduate courses.
- The National Taiwan University uses a Letter symbol system, as is shown in the scheme.

Taiwan conversion scheme

| Chengchi Undergraduate | Chengchi Postgraduate | National Taiwan | Dutch Grade |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 100 | 100 | A+ | 10 |
| 95-99 | 95-99 | A | 9.5 |
| 90-94 | 93-94 | A- | 9.0 |
| 85-89 | 90-92 | B+ | 8.5 |
| 80-84 | 85-89 | B0 / B- | 8.0 |
| 75-79 | 80-84 | C+ | 7.5 |
| 70-74 | 74-79 | C0 / C- | 7.0 |
| 65-69 | 72-73 | D+ | 6.5 |
| 60-64 | 70-71 | D0 / D- | 6.0 |
| < 60 | < 70 | F | Onvoldoende |

Thailand

Description of grading system

- Grading at all universities is based on credit points system. Evaluation for each subject is done by grade and grade points for the course's credit hours as follows:
 - o A Excellent GP = 4
 - o B+ Very Good GP = 3.5
 - o B Good GP = 3
 - o C+ Fairly Good GP = 2.5
 - o C Fair GP = 2
 - o D+ Poor GP = 1.50
 - o D Very Poor GP = 1
 - o F Fail GP = 0

Thailand conversion scheme

| Grade | Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excellent | A | 4.00 | 10-9.5 |
| Very good | B+ | 3.50 | 9.0-8.5 |
| Good | B | 3.00 | 8.0 |
| Fairly good | C+ | 2.50 | 7,5 |
| Fair | C | 2.00 | 7.0 |
| Poor | D+ | 1.50 | 6.5 |
| Very poor | D | 1.00 | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | 0.00 | Onvoldoende |

Turkey

Structure of higher education

- Bachelor = Lisans Diploması (4 years)
- Master = Yüksek Lisans Diploması (1.5 to 2 years)

Description of grading systems

- Turkish universities use different grading systems:
 - 0-10 In which ≥ 5 = pass
 - 0-20 In which ≥ 10 = pass
 - 0-100 In which ≥ 50 = pass
- Some universities use letter symbols (A-F) or doubled letter symbols (AA-FF).
- Conversion schemes for some of the most common universities are given.

Turkey conversion scheme

| Grade | Bilkent | Bogazici | Koc | METU | Sabanci | Dutch Grade |
|--------------|---------|----------|--------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| Excellent | A+ | | | | A+ | 10 |
| | A | AA | A | AA (90-100) | A | 9.5 |
| Very Good | A- | | A- | BA (85-89) | A- | 9.0 |
| | B+ / B | BA | B+ / B | BB (80-84) | B+ / B | 8.5 |
| Good | B- | BB | B- | CB (75-79) | B- | 8.0 |
| | C+ | CB | C+ | CC (70-74) | C+ | 7.5 |
| Satisfactory | C | CC | C | DC (65-69) | C | 7.0 |
| | C- | DC | C- | DD (60-64) | C- | 6.5 |
| Sufficient | D+ / D | DD | D+ / D | DD / FD (50-59) | D+ / D | 6.0 |
| Fail | F | F | F | FD / FF (< 49) | F | Onvoldoende |

Uganda

Structure of higher education

- University level first stage: Bachelor's Degree
 - 3-4 years of study
 - BA of Medicine, Surgery or medical surgery: 5 years of study
- University level second stage: Master's Degree
 - 1-3 years of studying
 - diploma in medicine: 1 extra year
- University level third stage:
 - Medicine: 1 year
 - Philosophy 2-3 years

Description of grading system

The grading scale runs of 0-100%. 50% is the minimum passing percentage.

| Percentage | Dutch Grade |
|------------|-------------|
| 98-100 | 10 |
| 94-97 | 9.5 |
| 90-93 | 9.0 |
| 85-89 | 8,5 |
| 80-84 | 8.0 |
| 75-79 | 7.5 |
| 70-74 | 7.0 |
| 60-69 | 6.5 |
| 50-59 | 6.0 |
| <50 | Onvoldoende |

| Letter | Dutch Grade |
|--------|-------------|
| A | 10-9.5-9.0 |
| B+ | 8.5 |
| B | 8.0 |
| B- | 7.5 |
| C+ | 7.0 |
| C | 6.5 |
| C- | 6 |
| F | Onvoldoende |

Uganda conversion schemes

United Kingdom

Structure of higher education

- University first level stage (bachelor) = 3 year (undergraduate)
- University second level (master) = 1 year (postgraduate)

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

- Letter symbol system A to E or F
 - A Excellent / Outstanding
 - B Above average
 - C Average
 - D Below average
 - E or F Fail
- Subdivisions like '+' and '-' may or may not be used, depending on the institution.
- Subdivisions may also be denoted as B1, B2, B3 etc.
- Sometimes a Percentage scale is provided as well.
- Scotland uses different scales. A scheme for the University of Glasgow is given.

United Kingdom conversion scheme; not applicable to Scotland

| Letter symbol | Percentage | Dutch Grade | Grade Point (e.g. Nottingham Trent) |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| A++ | 96% - 100% | 10-9.5 | 15-16 |
| A+ | 80% - 89% | 9.0 | 14 |
| A | 70% - 79% | 8.5 | 13 |
| A / A- | 60% - 69% | 8.0 | 10-12 |
| B+ / B1 | 54% - 59% | 7.5 | 8-9 |
| B / B- / B2 / B3 | 50% - 53% | 7.0 | 7 |
| C+ / C1 | 45% - 49% | 6.5 | 5-6 |
| C / C- / C2 / C3 / D / Pass | 40% - 44% | 6.0 | 4 |
| F (or E) | 30% - 39% | Onvoldoende | Onvoldoende |

Scotland conversion scheme; University of Glasgow (UPDATED 2018)

| Letter symbol | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|-------------|
| A1 | 10 |
| A2 | 9.5 |
| A3 / A4 / A5 | 9.0 |
| B1 | 8.5 |
| B2 / B3 | 8.0 |
| C1 | 7.5 |
| C2 / C3 | 7.0 |
| D1 | 6.5 |
| D2 - E3 | 6.0 |
| F | Onvoldoende |

Uruguay

Uruguay conversion scheme

| Letter symbol | Point value | Dutch Grade |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| A | 12 | 10 |
| A- | 11 | 9,0 |
| B+ | 10 | 8,0 |
| B+ | 8-9 | 7,0 |
| C/C+ | 6-7 | 6,0 |
| D, E | 1-5 | ONV |

USA

Description of main grading system

- Grading systems are determined by each institution.
- Most institutions use a Letter grading system A-D, with F for fail.
- Subdivisions like '+' and '-' may or may not be used, depending on the institution. E. g.: A++ is not very widely used.
- Some institutions do not use grades or provide them only upon request.

Other grading systems

Advanced research studies (Masters thesis, Doctoral dissertations), practica and projects or presentations in the fine or performing arts are often not assigned letter or numerical grades but rather evaluated on an 'honours', 'pass', or 'fail' basis by the supervising faculty.

Universities outside USA

Some universities outside the United States but which follow the American education system, such as the American University of Beirut and the American University in Cairo, also use the USA grading scale.

USA conversion scheme

| Letter symbol | Percentage ⁴ | Dutch Grade |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| A++ ⁵ | 100 % | 10 |
| A+ ⁶ | 97 – 99 % | 9.5 |
| A | 93 – 96 % | 9.0-8.5 |
| A- | 90 – 92 % | 8.0 |
| B+ | 87 – 89 % | 7.5 |
| B / B- | 80 – 86 % | 7.0 |
| C+ / C / C- | 70 – 79 % | 6.5 |
| D+ / D / D- | 60 – 69 % | 6.0 |
| F | 0 – 59 % | Onvoldoende |

⁴ Can differ slightly per institution

⁵ If A++ is not used at institution, A+ becomes the highest grade (97-100%) and can be converted from 9.5-10.

⁶ If A++ and A+ are not used at institution, A (93-100%) becomes the highest grade and can be converted from 8.5-10.