

Conversion Schedules

Explanation of tables and additional information

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The classification by has been used

Per country as much information as possible is presented

- The titles of the different University level degrees together with the length of the education (if applicable).
- Description of the grading system, with the highest and lowest achievable result and the minimum required result to pass a course.
- For each country the same division in columns is used to simplify the comparison.
- Where appropriate a personal experience has been added, for example the individual interpretation of the grading system.

Argentina

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:

Full Description:

0- 10

10 Sobresaliente; 9 Muy Bueno; 7-8 Distinguido; 5-6 Bueno; 4-4.9 Aprobado; 2-3 Insuficiente; 0-1 Reprobado

Highest on scale: 10

Pass/fail level: 4

Lowest on scale: 0

Argentina conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade	Information
Sobresaliente	A	10		9	
Muy bueno	A-	9		9	
Distinguido	B+	8		8	
Distinguido	B	7		8	
Bueno	B-	6		7	
Bueno	C+	5		7	
Aprobado	C	4		6	
Insuficiente	D	2-3		-	fail
Reprobado	F	0-1		-	fail

Australia

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).

Full Description:

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.

Highest on scale: High Distinction (HD) 80-100%

Pass/fail level: Pass (P) 50-60%

Lowest on scale: Fail (F) Below 50%

Australia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
High Distinction	HD		98-100	9
High Distinction	HD		93-97	9
High Distinction	HD		88-92	9
High Distinction	HD		83-87	8
Distinction	D		78-82	8
Distinction	D		73-77	8
Credit	C		68-72	7
Credit	C		63-67	7
Pass	P		50-62	6

Austria

University level first stage: Bachelor:

University level second stage: Master: 1-2 years

University level third stage: Doktoratstudien: 4-8 semesters

Full Description

1-5

1 sehr gut/excellent;

2 gut/good;

3 befriedigend/satisfactory;

4 genügend/sufficient;

5 nicht genügend/failure

Highest on scale: 1

Pass/fail level: 4

Lowest on scale: 5

Austria conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Sehr gut		1		9
		1.5		9
Gut		2		8
		2.5		8
Befriedigend		3		7
		3.5		7
Genügend		4		6
Nicht Genügend		5		-

Belgium

University first level stage (bachelor) = 3 years

University second level (master) = 1 or 2 years

Full Description: met voldoening: satisfactory (60%);

met onderscheiding: distinction (70%);

met grote onderscheiding: high distinction (80%);

met grootste onderscheiding: highest distinction (90%).

Highest on scale: met grootste onderscheiding

Pass/fail level: met voldoening

Highest on scale: 20

Pass/fail level: 12

Lowest on scale: 11

Belgium conversion scheme

Grade	Grade value ICHEC	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	17 or more	20	90-100%	9
		19		9
		18		9
Outstanding	15-16	17	80-89%	8
		16		8
Good	13-14	15	70-79%	7
		14		7
Satisfactory	10-12	13	60-69%	6
		12		6
Fail	<10	11		5

As an exception:

- University of Leuven consider 11 to be a pass so in that case 11 = 6.

Brazil

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

Full Description:

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.

9-10: superior superior;

7-8: media superior;

5-6: media media;

3-4: media inferior;

1-2: inferior inferior;

0: sin rendimento.

Highest on scale: 10

Pass/fail level: 5

Lowest on scale: 0

Brazil conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
superior superior	A+/A	10		9
superior superior	A-	9.5 (9.6)		9
superior superior	B+	9.0 (8.8)		9
Media superior	B	8.5		9
Media superior	B-	8.0		8
Media superior	C+	7.5		8
Media superior	C	7.0		7
Media media	C-	6.5		7
Media media	D+	6.0		6
Media media	D	5.5		6
Media media	D-	5.0		6
	Fail	< 5.0		-

Canada

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

Full Description:

The "most common scales" are: A (80-100%, or 75-100%), B (70-80%), C (60-70%) to F (below 50%)

Highest on scale: A

Pass/fail level: D (50-59%)

Lowest on scale: F (Below 50%)

Canada conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade
	A+	10	9
	A	9.5 (9.6)	9
	A-	9.5 (9.6)	9
	B+	9.0 (8.8)	8
	B	8.5	8
	B-	8.0	8
	C+	7.5	7
	C	7.0	7
	C-	6.5	7
	D+	6.0	6
	D	5.5	6
	D-	5.0	6
	F+ / F / F-	< 5.0	-

Chili

University level second stage: Licenciatura, Professional title: 4 – 7 years (bachelor)

University level third stage: Magister: 2 years

University level fourth stage: Doctorado: 3-5 years

Full Description:

6-7: very good;

5-5.9: good;

4-4.9: average;

1-3.9: fail

Highest on scale: 7

Pass/fail level: 4

Lowest on scale: 1

Chili conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Very good		7		9
Very good		6.7-6.9		9
Very good		6.3-6.6		9
Very good		6.0-6.2		9
Good		5.6-5.9		8
Good		5.3-5.5		8
Good		4.9-5.2		7
Average		4.6-4.8		7
Average		4.2-4.5		6
Average		4.0-4.1		6
Fail		1.0-3.9		-

China (incl Hongkong)

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

Full Description: Percentage scale

Pass/fail level: 60

Other main grading systems

Pass or fail basis (A,B,C,D, ,F)

China conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol (HK)	Letter symbol (Beijing/Shanghai)	Percentage (Beijing/Shanghai)	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A+	A	98-100	9
Excellent	A		93-97	9
Excellent	A-		90-92	9
Good	B+	B	88-89	8
Good	B		83-87	8
Good	B-		80-82	8
Fair	C+	C	78-79	7
Fair	C		73-77	7
Fair	C-		70-72	7
Pass	D+	D	68-69	6
Pass	D		63-66	6
Pass	D-		60-62	6

Colombia

University level first stage: Undergraduate education: 5 years

University level second stage: Postgraduate education: 2-3 years

University level third stage: Doctoral post graduate education: 3-4 years

Colombia conversion scheme

Grade	Point value	Dutch Grade
maxima	5.0	9
	4.5 – 4.9	9
	4.0 – 4.4	8
	3.5 - 3.9	7
minima	3.0 – 3.4	6
	< 3.0	fail

Czech Republic

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

Full Description:

1-výborně (excellent)

2-velmi dobře (very good)

3-dobře (good)

4-nevyhověl (unsatisfactory/fail).

Highest on scale: 1

Pass/fail level: 3

Lowest on scale: 4

Czech Republic conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	1	>90%	9
Outstanding	B	1.5		9
Good	C	2	75%-90%	8
Satisfactory	D	2.5		7
Acceptable	E	3	60%-75%	6
Unacceptable	F	4+	50%-60%	5
Unacceptable	F	4	<50%	5

Denmark

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

Full Description:

12 - (outstanding)

10 –(excellent)

7 – (good)

4-(fail)

02 (adequate)

00 (inadequate)

Highest on scale: 12

Pass/fail level: 02

Lowest on scale: 00

Denmark conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Outstanding		12		9
Excellent		10		9
Good		7		8
Fair		4		7
Adequate		02		6
Inadequate		00		-

Estonia

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).
Universiteit = 4-5 years

Full Description: 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 (insufficient); 0 or F (insufficient).

Highest on scale: 5 or A

Pass/fail level: 1 or E

Lowest on scale: 0 or F

Estonia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	5	91-100%	9
Very Good	B	4	81-90%	9
Good	C	3	71-80%	8
Fair	D	2	61-70%	7
Passed	E	1	51-60%	6
Fail	FX and F	0	0-50%	5

Finland

University level first stage: Universities: kandidaatti/kandidat (first cycle):
First-cycle university degrees consist of at least 180 credits (3 years of full-time study).

University level second stage: Universities: maisteri/magister (second cycle):
The second-cycle university degree consists of at least 120 credits (two years of full-time study).

University level third stage: Universities: lisensiaati/licenciat; tohtori/doktor (third cycle): 4 years

Full Description: Some institutions 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). Or 40-100

Highest on scale: 5 or A or 100

Pass/fail level: 1 or E or 40

Lowest on scale: 0 or F or below 40

Finland conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value Tampere	Point value (other)	Percentage (Helsinki)	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A / K / HP	5 or ET	3	94-100	9.0
				86-93	9.0
Very good	B	4 or KT	2.5, (2+)	78-85	9.0
				70-77	9.0
Good	C / H	3 or HT	2	64-69	8.0
				61-63	8.0
Satisfactory	D / T	2 or TT	1.5 (1+)	54-60	7.0
				47-53	7.0
Sufficient	E	1 or VT	1	40-46	6.0
Insufficient	F			< 40	5.0

France

University first level stage (bachelor) = 3 to 4 years (undergraduate)

University second level (master) = 1 year (postgraduate)

Full Description: 0/20, 10-12 Passable, 12-14 Assez-Bien, 14-16 Bien, 16-20 Très Bien.

Highest : 20, Pass : 10, Lowest : 0.

Highest on scale: 20

Pass/fail level: 10

Lowest on scale: 0

France conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade	Information
Tres bien	A	20		9	Very good
	A	19-19.99		9	
	A	18-18.99		9	
	A	17-17.99		9	
	A	16-16.99		9	
Bien	B	15-15.99		8	Good
	B	14-14.99		8	
Assez bien	C	13-13.99		7	Good
	C	12-12.99		7	
Passable	D	11-11.99		6	Sufficient
	E	10-10.99		6	
Ajourné	F	9		5	Fail
		8			Fail

Germany

Full Description

1-5

1 sehr gut/excellent;

2 gut/good;

3 befriedigend/satisfactory;

4 genügend/sufficient;

5 nicht genügend/failure

Bestanden = voldoende

Nicht bestanden = onvoldoende

Highest on scale: 1

Pass/fail level: 4

Lowest on scale: 5

Germany conversion scheme

Grade	Point value in %	Point value	Dutch Grade
Sehr gut	100	1	9
	98-99	1.1	9
	96-97	1.2	9
	94-95	1.3	9
	92-93	1.4	9
Gut	90-91	1.5	9
	88-89	1.6	9
	86-87	1.7	9
	84-85	1.8	9
	82-83	1.9	8
	80-81	2.0	8
	79	2.1	8
	78	2.2	8
	77	2.3	8
	76	2.4	8
Befriedigend	75	2.5	8
	74	2.6	8
	73	2.7	7
	72	2.8	7
	71	2.9	7
	70	3.0	7
Satisfactory (‘average	68-69	3.1	7
	66-67	3.2	7

performance')	64-65	3.3	7
	62-63	3.4	6
Genugend/ Sufficient	60-61	3.5	6
	58-59	3.6	6
	56-57	3.7	6
	54-55	3.8	6
	52-53	3.9	6
	50-51	4.0	6
Nicht genugend	0-49	4.1-6.0	fail

Greece

Full Description

0 – 10

Highest on scale: 10

Pass/fail level: 5

Lowest on scale: 0

Greece conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
		10		9
		9.5		9
		9.0		9
		8.5		8
		8.0		8
		7.5		7
		7.0		7
		6.5		7
		6.0		6
		5.5		6
		5.0		6
Fail		< 5.0		< 5 = fail

Hungary

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 ECTS system since 2003 and since 2006 are the studies classified according to the bachelor-master system. The grading system is nationally recognized.

Universiteit = 4-5 years (undergraduate, maar soms ook Master genoemd)

Full Description:

5: jeles/ kiválóan megfelelt (excellent);

4: jó (good);

3: közepes/ megfelelt (fair);

2: elégséges (satisfactory);

1: elégtelen/ nem felelt meg (fail)

Highest on scale: 5

Pass/fail level: 2/1

Lowest on scale: 1

Hungary conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	5 of A1/A2	9
Good	B	4	8
Satisfactory	C	3	7
Acceptable/pass	D	2	6
Unacceptable/fail	E	1	5

Indonesia

Main credit system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: A credit system is used as 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

Other main grading systems

Students are given a Grade Point Average (GPA) on completion of their studies. For S1 the minimum requirement is 2.0; for S2: 2.5; for S3: 3.0. The grading is on a scale of 1-4 and D-A with 2 and C as pass marks.

Indonesia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade
Pass	A	4.0	9
Pass	A-	3.7	9
Pass	B+	3.3	8
Pass	B	3	8
Pass	B-	2.7	7
Pass	C+	2.3	6
Pass	C	2.0	6
Fail	C-	1.7	5
Fail	D	1.0	5
Fail	E	0	5

Ireland

University first level stage (bachelor) = 3 to 4 years (undergraduate)

University second level (master) = 1 year (postgraduate)

Full Description:

A: excellent/outstanding;

B: above average;

C: average;

D: below average;

E: failing

Highest on scale: A

Pass/fail level: D/E

Lowest on scale: F

Ireland conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	UCD	Percentage UCD	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	A+	76.67%-100.00%	9
		A	73.33%-76.66%	9
		A-	70.00%-73.32%	9
Very Good	B	B+	66.67%-69.99%	9
		B	63.33%-66.66%	8
		B-	60.00%-63.33%	8
Good	C	C+	56.67%-59.99%	7
		C	53.33%-56.66%	7
Satisfactory	D	C-	50.00%-53.33%	7
		D+	46.67%-49.99%	6
Sufficient	E	D/ D-	40.00%-46.67%	6
Fail	F	E+/ E/ E-	30.00%-39.99%	5
		F+/ F/ F-	20.00%-29.99%	5

The grading scale in Ireland goes from A until F. The letters are also divided in three parts. This is not the same for each Irish university. In contradiction with the ECTS grading system is an E at a Irish university a Fail (but with compensation it can become a Sufficient).

Italy

Laurea = bachelor = 3 years (180 ECTS)

Laurea Specialistica = master = 2 years (120 ECTS)

Corsi di Specializzazione di 1° livello = master = 2 to 3 years (120 – 180 ECTS)

Corsi di Master Universitario di 1° livello = master = 1 year (60 ECTS)

Full Description:

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 use the same grading scale as universities: 0-110 (66 as minimum passing grade) + code lode/cum laude, 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	30/30 e lode	9
Very Good	B	29	9
		28	9
		27	8
Good	C	26	8
		25	8
		24	8
		23	7
Satisfactory	D	22	7
		21	7
		20	6
Sufficient	E	19	6
		18	6
		< 18	5
Fail	F	< 18	5

Japan

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 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=(fail)0-59%

Highest on scale: 100%

Pass/fail level: 60%

Lowest on scale: 0%

Other main grading systems

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

Japan conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Yu	A		100	9
Yu	A		95-99	9
Yu	A		90-94	9
Yu	A		85-89	8
Yu	A		80-84	8
Ryou	B		75-79	7
Ryou	B		70-74	7
Ka	C		65-69	6
Ka	C		60-64	6
Huka	F		0-59	< 6 = fail

Kazhakstan

University level studies:

University level first stage: Diploma of Specialist, Bachelor:

A Diploma of Specialist or Diploma of Specialized Higher Education in a particular field of study is generally awarded at the end of a five-year course (former system). Bachelor's Degrees are now also conferred after four years' studies.

University level second stage: Aspirantura, Master's:

Full-time postgraduate studies (Aspirantura) leading to the qualification of Candidate of Sciences (Kandidat Nauk) normally last for three years. The submission of a thesis is required. Master's Degrees are also conferred after a further two years' study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.

University level third stage: PhD, Doctorate (Doktoratura):

In the new system, a PhD is conferred after two to three years' further study beyond the Master's Degree. The Doctor of Sciences (Doktor Nauk) is awarded after the Kandidat Nauk after completion of a thesis based on original research.

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: Marking is on a 1 - 5 scale. 5: excellent; 4: good; 3: satisfactory; 2: unsatisfactory; 1 totally unsatisfactory

Highest on scale: 5

Pass/fail level: 3/2

Lowest on scale: 1

Other main grading systems

In 1999-2000, most higher education establishments adopted the rating system (%). Highest rating: 100%-90%; Pass/fail level: 90%-60%; 60%-40%.

Kazachstan conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade
Excellent		5	9
Good		4	8
Satisfactory		3	6
Unsatisfactory		2	< 6 = fail
Totally unsatisfactory		1	

Latvia

University first level stage (bachelor = *Bakalaura Diploms*): University undergraduate (*Universitāte, Akadēmija, Augstskola*) takes 6 to 8 semester – this is 120-160 local credits (1 local credit = 1.5 ECTS)

Full Description: 1-10; 10 (izcili): with distinction; 9 (teicami): excellent; 8 (loti labi): very good; 7 (labi): good; 6 (gandrīz labi): almost good; 5 (viduveji): satisfactory; 4 (gandrīz viduveji) almost satisfactory; 3-1 (neapmierinosi): unsatisfactory.

Pass/fail level: 4/3

Lowest on scale: 1

Latvia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade	Information
izcili		10	9	with distinction
teicami		9	9	excellent
loti labi		8	8	very good
labi		7	7	good
gandrīz labi		6	6	almost good
viduveji		5	6	satisfactory
gandrīz viduveji		4	6	almost satisfactory
neapmierinosi		3-1	fail	unsatisfactory

Lithuania

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).

Full Description: 1-10; 10 (puikiai): excellent; 9 (labai gerai): very good; 8 (gerai): good; 7 (pakankamai): highly satisfactory; 6 (patenkinamai): satisfactory; 5 (silpnai): sufficient; 4-1: insufficient.

Pass/fail level: 5/4

Lowest on scale: 1

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	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade	Information
	puikiai	10		9	excellent
	labai gerai	9		9	very good
	gerai	8		8	good
	pakankamai	7		7	highly satisfactory
	patenkinamai	6		7	satisfactory
	silpnai	5		6	sufficient
		4		5	insufficient

Malaysia

The Malaysian Qualifications Agency is responsible for the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF)

University undergraduate (Bachelor) studies are 3 to 4 years. Their postgraduate (Master) programs are 2 years.

Malaysia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Dutch Grade
	A+	9.0
	A	9.0
	A-	8.0
	B+	8.0
	B	7.0
	B-	7.0
	C+	7.0
	C	6.0
	C-	6.0
	D / Fail	< 6.0

Mexico

Full Description: 10: excelente (excellent); 9: muy bien (very good); 8: bien (good); 7: suficiente (pass); 5: reprobado/no suficiente (fail).

Highest on scale: 10

Pass/fail level: 7 (except ITAM 6)

Lowest on scale: 0

Mexico conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Point value (ITAM)	Point value (BUAP)	Dutch Grade
10		98-100	10	10	9
		94-98			9
9.0		90-93	9	9	9
		87-89			8
		84-86	8		8
8.0		81-83		8	7
		77-80	7		7
		74-76			6
7.0		70-73	6	7	6
< 7.0					< 5 = fail

New Zealand

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: In general the higher education institutions use a scale of 9 passing grades: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, and 2 failing grades: D, E.

Highest on scale: A+

Pass/fail level: C

Lowest on scale: E

New Zealand conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A+		Set by individual school	9
Excellent	A		„	9
Excellent	A-		„	8
Good	B+		70-74%	8
Good	B		65-69%	7
Good	B-		60-64%	7
Satisfactory	C+		55-59%	6
Satisfactory	C		50-54%	6
Fail	D/F		40-49%	< 5 = fail

Norway**Main grading system used by higher education institutions**

Full Description: 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	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
excellent	A			9
very good	B			9
Good	C			8
satisfactory	D			7
sufficient	E			6
Fail	F			

Peru**Main grading system used by higher education institutions**

Full Description: 0-20

Highest on scale: 20

Pass/fail level: 11

Lowest on scale: 0

Peru conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
		20		9
		19		9
		18		9
		17		8
		16		8
		15		7
		14		7
		13		6
		11 + 12		6
		<11		fail

Poland

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 5 - 2 (5 very good, 4 good, 3 satisfactory, 2 unsatisfactory)

Highest on scale: 5 (very good)

Pass/fail level: 3 (satisfactory)

Lowest on scale: 2 (unsatisfactory)

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	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade
excellent		5,5	9
		5	9.0
very good		4,5	8
good		4	8
satisfactory		3,5	7
sufficient		3	6
fail		2	< 6

Portugal

Bachelor = Licenciado (4 to 5 years)

Master = Mester (2 years), at least a grade of 14

Full Description: The result achieved in a subject, whether through continuous assessment or in an examination is generally expressed in a scale from 0 to 20.

Highest on scale: 20

Lowest on scale: 0

Portugal conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Dutch Grade
Muito bom com distincao e louvor	Excellent	20	9
Muito bom com distincao	Very Good	19	9
		18	9
Bom com distincao	Good	17	8
		16	8
bom	Satisfactory	15	7
		14	7
suficiente	Sufficient	13	6
		12	6
		11	6
		10	6
Mediocre/reprovado	Fail	7-9	5
Mau/Reprovado	Fail	0-6	5

ECTS grades (A-F) are given based on % of successful students normally achieving the grade (like the American based grading).

Romania

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 10-1, pass (10-excellent, 9-very good, 8,7 -very good, 6-good, 5-sufficient, 4-1 insufficient)

Highest on scale: 10

Pass/fail level: 5/4

Lowest on scale: 1

Romania conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
excellent		10		9
very good		9		9
good		8, 7		8
satisfactory		6		7
pass		5		6
fail		4.0 or lower		x

Russia

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

Other main grading systems

Pass or fail basis (A,B,C,F)

China conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	10-points scale	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A+	10	9
Very Good	A	9	8
Very Good	A-	8	8
Good	B+	7	7
Good	B-	6	7
Satisfactory	C+	5	6
Satisfactory	C-	4	6
Fail	F	3	fail
Fail	F	2	fail
Fail	F	1	fail

Singapore

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.

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: Honours degrees: I; II (upper); II (lower); III (Bachelors of Dentistry and Medicine are unclassified)

Other main grading systems

For Polytechnics: Distinction: for the top 5%; A: excellent: 80-100%; B: very good: 70-79%; C: good: 60-69%; D: pass: 50-59%; E: subsidiary pass;

For ITE: A: excellent: 80-100%, B: very good: 70-79%, C: good:60-69%, D: pass: 50-59%, E: subsidiary pass.

Singapore conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Distinction	A+		95-100%	9
Excellent	A		90-94%	9
	A-		80-89%	8
Very good	B+		75-79%	8
	B		70-74%	8
Good	C+		65-69%	7
	C		60-64%	7
Pass	D+		55-59%	6
	D		50-54%	6
Fail	F			5

Slovakia

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: A-excellent, B-very good, C-good, D/E-sufficient, Fx-insufficient

Highest on scale: 100%

Pass/fail level: 60% / 59%

Slovakia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
distinction / excellent		A	91-100%	9
very good		B	81-90%	8
good		C	73-80%	7
fair		D	66-72%	6
pass		E	60-65%	6
fail		Fx	less 59%	x

Slovenia

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 10-1, pass (10-excellent, 9-very good, 8-very good, 7-good, 6-sufficient, 5-1 insufficient)

Highest on scale: 10

Pass/fail level: 6/5

Lowest on scale: 1

Slovenia conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
distinction / excellent		10		9
very good		9		9
good		8		8
fair		7		7
pass		6		6
fail		5.0 or lower		x

South Africa

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: Classification at some universities: 1st class (75-100%); 2nd class division 1 (70-74); 2nd class division 2 (60-69); 3rd class (50-59); fail (below 50). Other universities only distinguish: Distinction (75-100%); Pass (50-74%).

Highest on scale: 1st class

Pass/fail level: 3rd class

Lowest on scale: F

South Africa conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Percentage	Dutch Grade
		95-100	9
		90-94	9
		85-89	8
		80-84	8
		74-79	7
		70-73	7
		64-69	7
		58-63	6
		50-57	6

South Korea

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: A-D. A indicates distinguished levels of mastery of the course; B indicates good mastery; C indicates acceptable mastery; and D indicates minimum acceptable achievement. A student's grade point average 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

Highest on scale: A

Pass/fail level: D

Lowest on scale: D

South Korea conversion scheme

Grade	Dutch Grade
A+	9
A0	9
A-	8
B+	8
B0	7
B-	7
C+	7
C0	6
C-	6
D+	6
D0	6
D-	6
	< 5.0

Spain

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 10: matrícula de honor; 9-9.9: sobresaliente; 7-8.9: notable; 5-6.9: aprobado; below 5: suspenso

Highest on scale: 10 matrícula de honor

Pass/fail level: 5 aprobado

Lowest on scale: 4-0 suspenso

Other main grading systems

For theses: no apto; aprobado; notable; sobresaliente; 'cum laude'

Spain conversion scheme

Grade	Point value	Point value	Dutch Grade
Matrícula de honor	10+	4	9
Sobresaliente (honor)			9
Sobresaliente			9
Sobresaliente	9-10	3	8
Notable			8
Notable	7-8.9	2	7
Notable			7
Notable			7
Aprobado			6
Aprobado	5-6.9	1	6
Aprobado			6
Aprobado			6
Suspenso	0-4.9	0	5

Sweden

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

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: Väl Godkänd (distinction). Godkänd (pass). Underkänd (fail)

Highest on scale: VG Väl Godkänd (distinction)

Pass/fail level: G Godkänd (pass)

Lowest on scale: U Underkänd (fail)

Sweden conversion scheme

General/Lund

Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
VG+			9
VG			8
G+			7
G			7
G-			6
U			5

Sweden conversion scheme

Uppsala/ Jönköping Business School/ ECTS system

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	20		9
Very good	B	17.5		9
Good	C	15		8
Satisfactory	D	12.5		7
Sufficient	E	10		6
Fail	F	0		<5

Switzerland

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: There are three numerical grading systems used by Universities: a 1-6 scale, a 6-1 scale (sometimes, a 5-1 scale), and the 10-point scale.

Highest on scale: 6/1/10

Pass/fail level: 4/3(3)/6 (pass mark); 2(1)/6(5)/2 (fail mark)

Lowest on scale: 1/6(5)/1

Other main grading systems

The grading system for PhD and Doctorate is: genügend/passable/rite (pass); ziemlich gut/assez bien/cum laude; gut/bien/magna cum laude; sehr gut/très bien/insigni cum laude; ausgezeichnet/excellent; summa cum laude.

Switzerland conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
		6		9
		5,5 - 6		9
		5 - 5,5		8
		4,5 - 5		7
		4 - 4,5		6
		< 4		fail

Taiwan

University level studies:

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' study.

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: A percentage grading system is in use at all levels. 70% is the minimum pass mark in postgraduate courses and 60% in undergraduate courses.

Highest on scale: A 80-100%

Pass/fail level: B 70-79%; C 60-69%

Lowest on scale: D 50-59%

Taiwan conversion scheme for postgraduate courses

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
A+			100	9
A			95-99	9
A-			90-94	8
A-			85-89	8
A-			80-84	8
B			75-79	7
B			70-74	6
C			60-69	< 6 = fail

Taiwan conversion scheme for undergraduate courses

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
A+			100	9
A			95-99	9
A-			90-94	8
A-			85-89	8
A-			80-84	8
B			75-79	7
B			70-74	7
C			65-69	6
C			60-69	6
D			50-59	< 6 = fail

Tanzania

University level studies:

University level first stage: Undergraduate level - Bachelor's Degree – 3 or 4 years

University level second stage: Graduate level - Master's Degree – 1 or 2 year

University level third stage: PhD – Doctor of Philosophy is 2 years

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Score comprises of Continuous Assessment with a weight of 40% and Final Examinations with a weight of 60%.

Tanzania conversion scheme

Grade	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
A		70-100%	9
B+		60-69%	8
B		50-59%	7
C		40-49%	6
D - E		Under 40%	fail

Thailand

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 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: A=Excellent (GP=4), B+ = Very Good (GP=3.5) B=Good (GP=3), C+= Fairly Good (GP = 2.5)C=Fair (GP=2), D+=Poor (GP=1.50), D= Very Poor (GP=1) F=Fail (GP=0).

Highest on scale: 4

Lowest on scale: 1

Thailand conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	4.00		9
Very good	B+	3.50		9
Good	B	3.00		8
Fairly good	C+	2.50		7
Fair	C	2.00		7
Poor	D+	1.50		6
Very poor	D	1.00		6
Fail	F	0.00		

Turkey

Bachelor = Lisans Diploması (4 years)

Master = Yüksek Lisans Diploması (1.5 to 2 years)

De Turkse universiteiten hanteren verschillende beoordelingsschalen

0-10 (waarbij 5 of hoger = voldoende)

0-20 (waarbij 10 of hoger = voldoende)

0-100 (waarbij 50 of hoger = voldoende)

Sommige instellingen gebruiken letters (A-F) of dubbele letters (AA-FF)

15 Turkse instellingen doen mee met een pilot wat betreft het ECTS systeem.

Turkey conversion scheme

Grade	Bilkent / Ege	Koc	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A	A	9
	A-	A-	9
	B+	B+	9
Very Good	B	B	8
	B-	B-	8
Good	C+	C+	8
	C	C	7
	C-	C-	7
Satisfactory	D+	D+	7
	D		6
Sufficient	D-	D	6
Fail	FX		5
Fail	F	F	5

Grade	Letter symbol	Percentage	METU	Dutch Grade
Excellent		90-100	AA	9
Very Good		85-89	BA	9
Good		80-84	BB	8
		75-79	CB	8
Fair		70-74	CC	7
		65-69	DC	7
Poor		60-64	DD	6
		50-59	FD	6
Fail		< 49	FF	5

United Kingdom

University first level stage (bachelor) = 3 (undergraduate)

University second level (master) = 1 year (postgraduate)

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: Alphabetical system A to E. A: excellent/outstanding; B: above average; C: average; D: below average; E: fail.

Highest on scale: A

Pass/fail level: D/E

Lowest on scale: E

United Kingdom conversion scheme - General

Grade	Letter symbol	Point value	Percentage	Dutch Grade
Excellent	A		70% en hoger	9
Above Average	B		60-69%	8
Average	C		50-59%	7.0
Below Average	D		40-49%	6.0
Fail	E		<39.9%	<5.0

USA

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: Many institutions use either a letter grading system similar to that described for secondary school linked to a numerical system based upon points earned. The latter system is typically based on a five-, four-, or three-point scale. Some institutions do not use grades or provide them only upon request. Grading systems are determined by each institution.

Highest on scale: A (Excellent)

Pass/fail level: C (Marginal)

Lowest on scale: D or F (Failure)

Other main 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. **NOTE:** US grading systems at both the secondary and higher education levels are generally based on the principle of starting with an assumption of a perfect grade and then subtracting points for errors, omissions, poor expression, unsound reasoning, etc. Numerical scores are often converted into letter grades, or vice-versa. Since there are five common letter grades (A,B,C,D,F) and ten-point score ranges are frequently issued to denote letter grade separations, it is common for any score/grade of less than 60 (D) to be considered unsatisfactory. This is an important difference from systems where scoring begins at zero and points are added to achieve a final grade.

USA conversion scheme

Grade	Letter symbol	Dutch Grade
	A+	9.0
	A	9.0
	A-	8.0
	B+	8.0
	B	7.0
	B-	7.0
	C+	7.0
	C	6.0
	C-	6.0
	D / Fail	< 6.0