



University of Essex

Grade conversion guidance for Essex students studying abroad

**1st year of degree
up to and including
2019-20**

The required credit load and the grading scales abroad are always different from University of Essex. While you would take 120 Essex credits per academic year when studying at Essex, this may equal to 60 ECTS credits in most of the European Universities or 30 credits at most US institutions. We have already informed you about the required credit load via several e-mails, your learning agreement and this information is also [published on our website](#) (search for the institution where you are studying and look under 'required credit load').

The grading scales at your host institution will be also different to Essex. While at Essex a first class mark would be 70% and over this may be an A or 90% at some other institutions abroad.

The aim of this guidance is to provide you with information on how University of Essex will convert your marks when you return back to Essex after your studies abroad. Please note that your exact converted marks may vary, but when converting your marks we will use the following information:

- Grade distribution data we have obtained from the host institution – data on how many students will receive different grades.
- Grading system from host institution – usually available on your transcript from abroad.
- Local expertise from Essex Abroad team as well as University of Essex staff with experience of teaching abroad.
- Data from previously converted grades.

Below is guidance on how the grades from abroad will be converted to Essex grades, by country. Some institutions in the same country may have some variations and this is not reflected in the guidance below.

To pass the year abroad you must obtain an Essex Year Mark of 40 or above. Successful year abroad outcomes are awarded 60 Essex credits for non-language related degrees or 90 Essex credits for language related degrees, as per the University of Essex Rules of Assessment for Four Year Honours Degrees.

Please note that the grade conversion process is unique to University of Essex and other Universities may use different conversion process. It is important that you only take advice from Essex Abroad team about the conversion of your grades.

Country	Essex Grade & Class			
	70	60	50	40
	First	2:1	2:2	Third
Argentina	8.5	7.3	5.3	4
Australia	80	70	60	50
Austria	1	2	3	4
Belgium	16	14	12	10
Botswana	A	B	C	D
Brazil	8.7	7	5.9	5
Canada	80	70	60	50
Canada (UVIC)	7	6	3	1
Chile	7	6	5	4
China (Hong Kong and Macau)	3.7 (A-)	2.7 (B-)	2.1 (C+)	1.0 (D)
China (mainland)	90	80	70	60
Colombia	4.5	4	3.5	3
Czech Republic	1	2	3	-
Denmark	11	8	7	6
Finland	5 - A	3 - C	2 - D	1 - E
France (10)	8	7	6	5
France (20)	16	14	12	10
Germany	1.7	2.5	3.3	4
Ireland	70	60	50	40
Israel	85 (A-)	75 (B-)	65 (C-)	56 (D-)
Italy	28+	25	22	18
Japan	3.4 (A-)	2.7 (B-)	2.1 (C+)	1.0 (D)
Malta	85	70	60	50
Mexico	92	85	78	70
Morocco	GPA 3.4 or A	GPA 2.7 or B	GPA 2.1 or C+	GPA 1.0 or D-
Netherlands - <i>pass mark varies at each University (may be 5 to 6, please check with your host university)</i>	8	6.5	5.7	5
New Zealand	A-	B	C+	C-
Norway	A	C	D	E
Peru	17	14	12	11
Poland	5	4	3.5	3
Portugal	16	13	11	10
Romania	A - 10	B - 9	C - 7	E - 5
Singapore	5 or A	3.5 or B	2.5 or C+	1 or D
South Korea	A	B	C-	D-
Spain	8.5	6.75	5.5	5
Sweden	A	C	D	E
Switzerland	5.5	5	4.5	4
Turkey	85	70	60	50
Uruguay	10	6	4	3
USA	GPA 3.4 or A	GPA 2.7 or B	GPA 2.1 or C+	GPA 1.0 or D-