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# **Term Abroad... ...How it counts Grade Conversion Essex Students Guidance**

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The required credit load and the grading scales abroad are always different from University of Essex. While you would take 60 Essex credits during the Autumn Term or Spring/Summer Term when studying at Essex, this may equal to 30 ECTS credits in most of the European Universities or 15 credits at most US Universities. To pass the Term Abroad you must obtain an overall pass from the host University.

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 term studying 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.
- 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. The grading at your host institution will be different to Essex. While at Essex a pass mark would be 40, this may be a D or 50 at some other institutions abroad.

To pass the term abroad you must obtain an Essex Mark of 40 or above. As a term abroad student, your marks will contribute to 50% of your final year mark.

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 Grades and Class			
	70	60	50	40
	First	2:1	2:2	Third
Australia	80 or HD	70 or Dist	60 or CP	50 or P
Australia (Uni SA)	Distinction	Credit	P1	P2 or SP
Belgium	16	14	11	10
Canada (numerical grading)	80	70	60	50
Canada (letter/GPA grading)	GPA 3.7 or A-	GPA 2.7 or B-	GPA 2.0 or C	GPA 1.0 or D-
China (Hong Kong and Macau)	3.7 (A-)	2.7 (B-)	2.0 (C)	1.0 (D)
China (mainland)	85	75	68	60
Croatia	4 or B (75)	3 or C (68)	3 or C (60)	2 or D (50)
Cyprus	8.5	6.5	5.5	5.0
Finland	4 or B	3 or C	2 or D	1 or E
France (10)	8	7	6	5
France (20)	16	14	11	10
Germany	1.5	2.5	3.5	4
Netherlands ( <i>varies at each host</i> )	8	6.5, 7 or 7.5	5.5, 6 or 7	5, 5.5 or 6
Norway	B	C	D	E
Poland	4.5	4	3.5	3
Romania	9	7	6	5
Singapore	4.5 or A-	3 or B-	2 or C	1 or D/D-
Spain	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0
USA (and ISEP for GPA)	GPA 3.7 or A-	GPA 2.7 or B-	GPA 2.0 or C	GPA 1.0 or D-

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