

Grading

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Bologna and the Erasmus+ Charter: from policy
to practice

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Basic facts

Academic Calendar

- 2 semesters 20 weeks each (16 study = 4 session)
- Autumn (September)
- Spring (February)

Admission

- Based on numerus clausus
- Students grants + fee paying students

Grading system

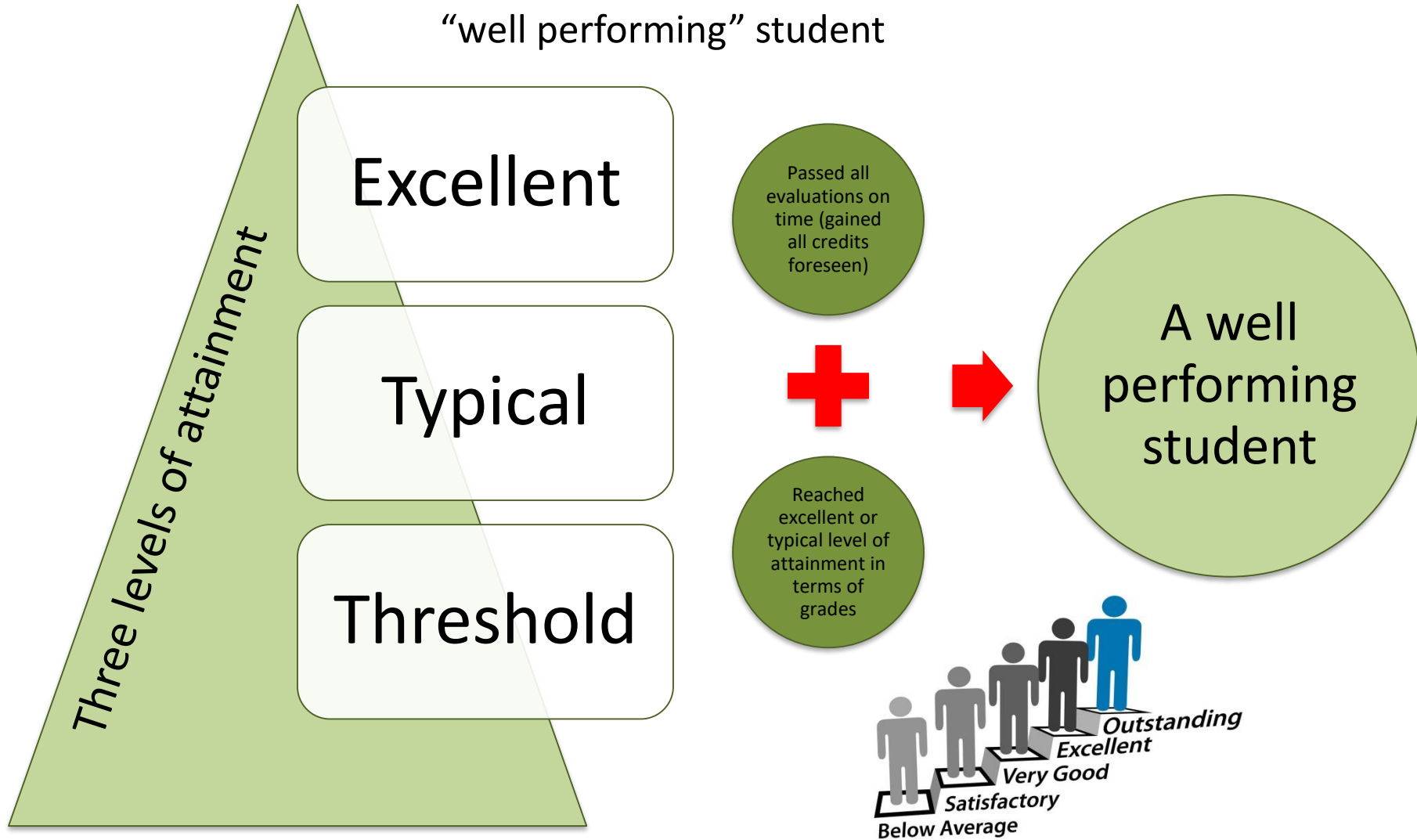
- 10 point grading scale (5 being a passing grade)
- Pass/fail system alongside



Result	Grade	Performance description
PASS	10	Excellent performance, outstanding knowledge and skills (excellent)
	9	Strong performance, good knowledge and skills (very good)
	8	Above the average performance, knowledge and skills (good)
	7	Average performance knowledge and skills with unessential shortcomings (highly satisfactory)
	6	Below average performance, knowledge and skills with substantial shortcomings (satisfactory)
	5	Knowledge and skills meet minimum criteria (sufficient)
FAIL	4	Knowledge and skills do not meet minimum criteria/below minimum criteria (insufficient)
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Latest developments 2

Ministry approved changed to the Law on HE describing
“well performing” student



Importance of grading and recognition practices



Tuition fees based on performance (rotation principle)



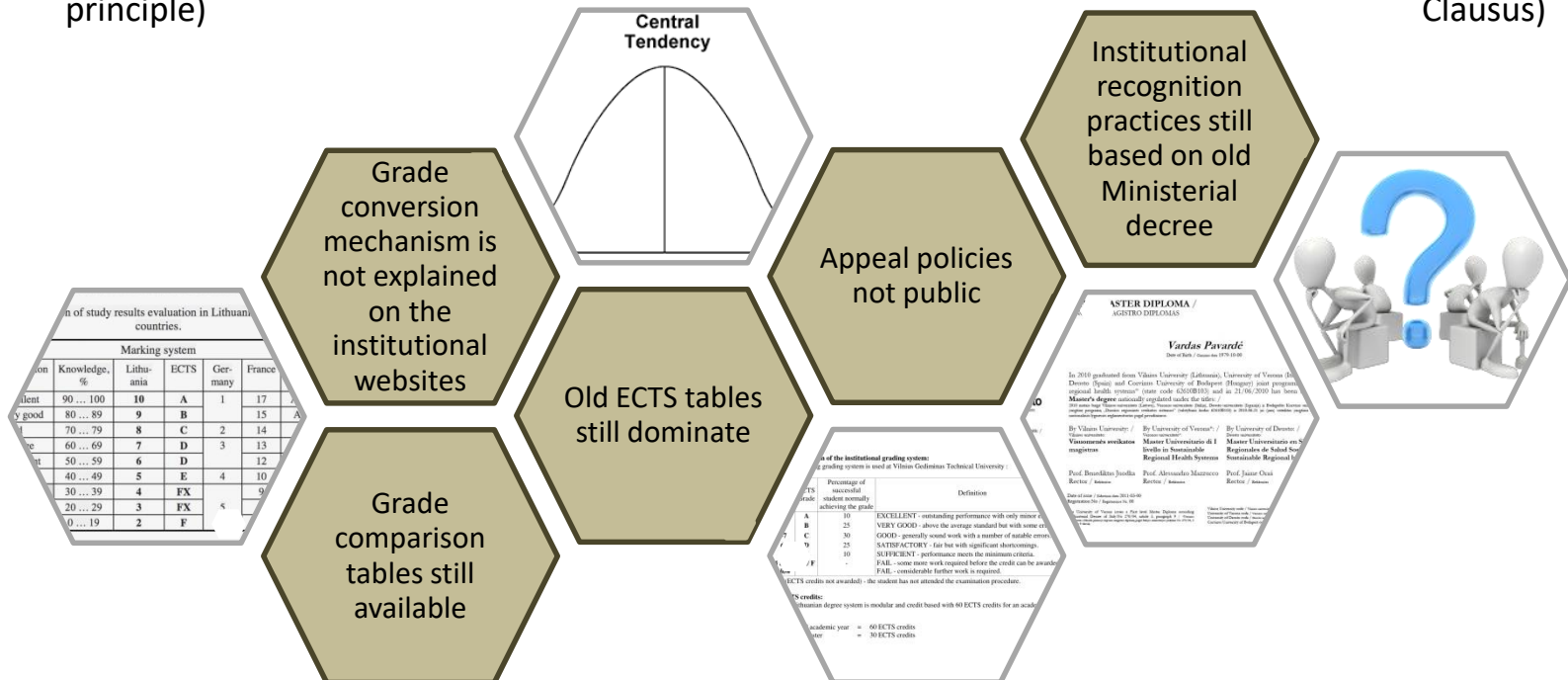
Student performance (fail of 15 credits)



Student stipends



Access to master programmes (Numerus Clausus)



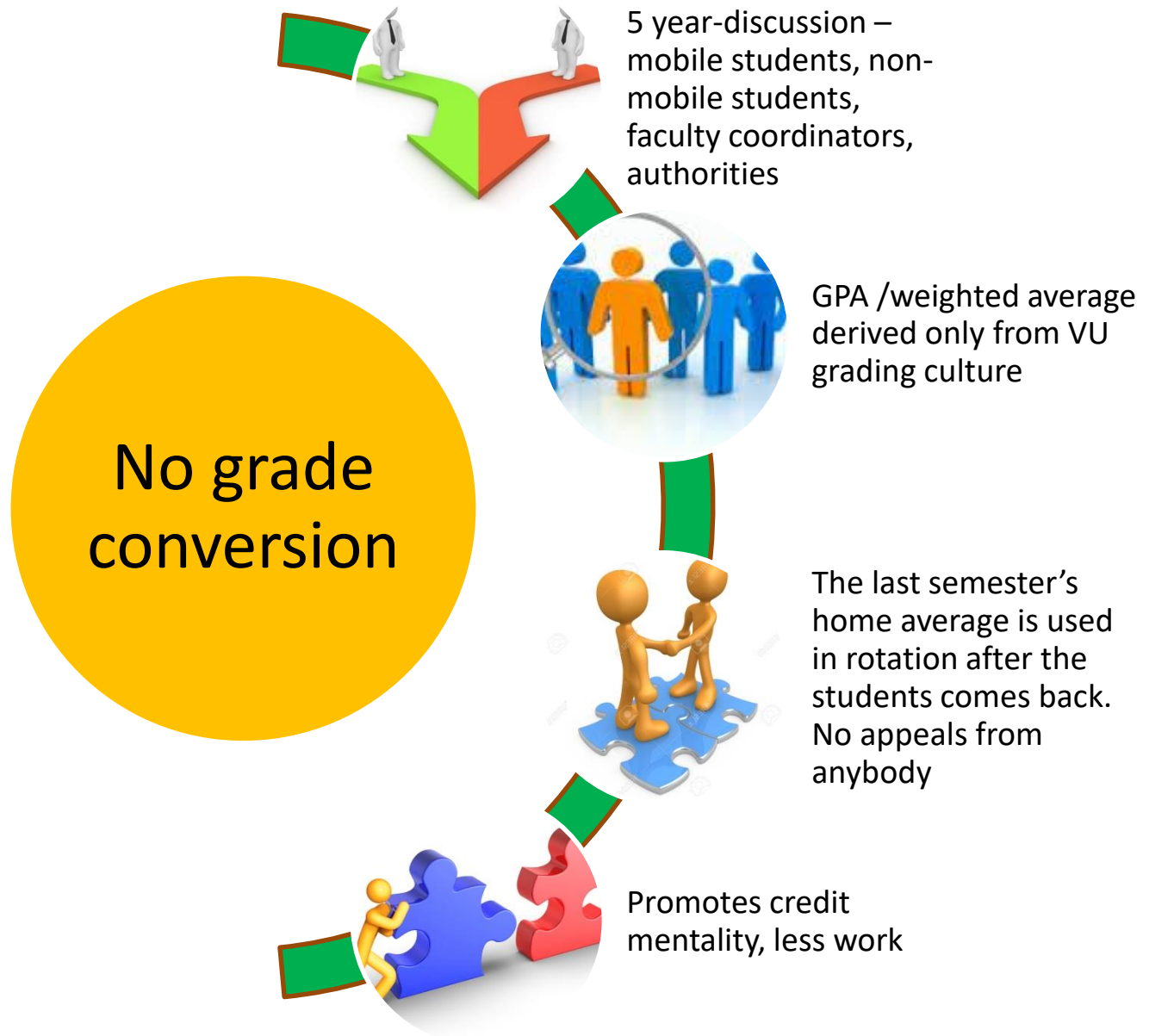
Still very common information

Pass/ Fail	Institut. Grade	Knowledge (study objectives) percentage, %	ECTS grade	Definition
Pass	10	100	A	Excellent
Pass	9	90-99	B	Very good
Pass	8	80-89	C	Good
Pass	7	70-79	D	Average
Pass	6	60-69	D	Sufficient
Pass	5	50-59	E	Weak
Fail	4	<50	FX	Fail
Fail	3	<50	FX	Fail
Fail	2	<50	F	Fail
Fail	1	<50	F	Fail

Comparison of study results evaluation in Lithuania and other countries.

Marking system						
Evaluation	Knowledge, %	Lithu- ania	ECTS	Ger- many	France	Britain /US
excellent	90 ... 100	10	A	1	17	A++
very good	80 ... 89	9	B		15	A+
good	70 ... 79	8	C	2	14	A
average	60 ... 69	7	D	3	13	B+
sufficient	50 ... 59	6	D		12	B
pass	40 ... 49	5	E	4	10	C, D
	30 ... 39	4	FX	5	9	E
	20 ... 29	3	FX		F	7
	0 ... 19	2	F		F	0

Vilnius University case



Pridėtinis lapas

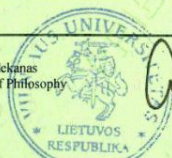
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4.3. Išlaikyti egzaminai ir įskaitos:

Programme details:

Nr. No	Dalykas (modulis) Course unit (module)	Dalyko apimtis kreditais Workload by credits	Pažymys ar įskaita Evaluation	Paprastasis (M), išvestinis (G) pažymys arba įskaita (P) ² Mark (M), grade (G) or pass (P) ²
1	2	3	4	5
Pagrindinės studijų krypties (šakos) dalykai (moduliai) Major Field Course Units (Modules)				
1	Klinikinė sveikatos psichologija Clinical Health Psychology	7,5	10 (puikiai)	M
2	Konsultavimas sveikatos priežiūros įstaigose Psychological Counseling in Health Setting	6	9 (labai gerai)	M
3	Magistrinio darbo projektas Project of Master Thesis	7,5	įskaityta	P
4	Mokslų tyrimo darbas Scientific Research Work	7,5	8 (gerai)	M
5	Priklausomybių psichologija Addiction Psychology	6	10 (puikiai)	M
6	Profesinė praktika Professional Practice	24	9 (labai gerai)	M
7	Sveikatos stiprinimas ir prevencija Health Promotion and Prevention	4,5	10 (puikiai)	M
8	Šiuolaikiniai psichologinių tyrimų ir statistinės analizės metodai Advanced Methods of Psychological Research and Statistics	6	10 (puikiai)	M
9	WAIS-III/WASI WAIS-III/WASI	7,5	9 (labai gerai)	M
10	Žmogaus neuropsichologija Human Neuropsychology	6	10 (puikiai)	M
11	Bendroji psichopatologija ³ General Psychopathology ³	9	30/30	-
12	Kognityvinė psichologija ³ Cognitive Psychology ³	9	30/30	-
13	Psichoanalitinės psichoterapijos elementai ³ Elements of Psychoanalytic Therapy ³	6	23/30	-
Iš viso Total		106,5		
Pagrindinės studijų krypties (šakos) baigiamasis darbas ar (ir) baigiamieji egzaminai Major Field Thesis and/or Final Examinations				
1	Magistro baigiamasis darbas ⁴ Master Degree Thesis ⁴	15	8 (gerai)	M
Iš viso Total		121,5		

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² Paprastas pažymys (M) įrašomas, kai lentelėje nurodytas dalykas yra įtrauktas į studijų programą; išvestinis pažymys (G) įrašomas, kai lentelėje apibendrintu pavadinimu nurodyti keli dalykai, studijų programoje sudarantys teminį bloką ar modulį, o pažymys yra apskaičiuojamas iš visų dalykų vertinimų; įskaita (P) rašoma, kai studijų rezultatai nevertinami pažymiu.

² Mark (M) is entered when the course in the table is part of the study programme; Grade (G) is entered when a thematic bloc or module under a general title in the table is comprised of several courses; Pass (P) is entered when learning outcomes are not assessed by a mark.

³ Institucija, kur išlaikyti studijų programos dalykai: Università degli Studi di Pavia (Italija), 2015 m. Šių dalykų įvertinimai nėra konvertuoti į Lietuvos aukštojo mokslo vertinimo sistemą.

³ Course units taken at Università degli Studi di Pavia (Italy), 2015. The grades shown for this course are of the host institution.

⁴ Magistro baigiamasis darbas - ...

⁴ Master Degree Thesis - ...

But what about incoming
students?

GRADING



The ECTS Users' Guide says:



European HEIs have different grading scales and passing grades

Mobility students have the right to a fair conversion of the grades they've obtained during a period of study abroad

Each HEI should produce a grading table for each degree course within a specific subject area (ISCED study field)

This will help ensure the transparency of the grading culture and the accurate conversion of grades for mobility students

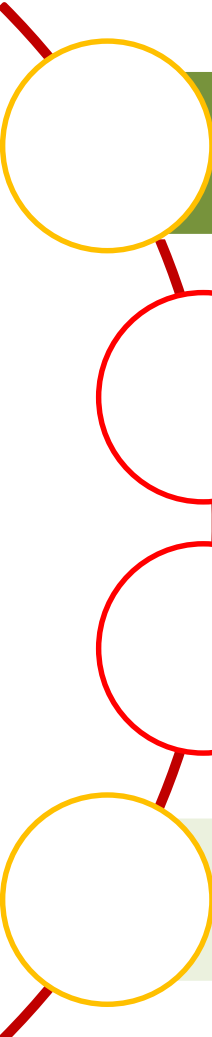
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	5 (Sufficient)		Knowledge and skills meet minimum criteria
Fail	4	Insufficient	Knowledge and skills do not meet minimum criteria/below minimum criteria
	3		
	2		
	1		

Vilnius University grade and its definition	Distribution of grades awarded at Vilnius University in percentages														
	Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences	Faculty of Economics and Business Administration	Faculty of Philology	Faculty of Philosophy	Faculty of Physics	Life Sciences Center	Faculty of History	Kaunas Faculty	Faculty of Communication	Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics	Institute of International relations and Political s.	Centre of Oriental Studies	Faculty of Medicine	Faculty of Medicine	Faculty of Law
	Bachelor														Integrated studies
10 (excellent)	18,3	12,6	16,4	17,7	20,6	21,0	18,7	16,2	18,4	15,1	21,7	24,8	15,9	22,4	10,7
9 (very good)	20,8	17,6	22,2	22,0	18,4	22,6	21,1	23,0	24,1	15,9	25,1	24,8	23,5	31,5	15,2
8 (good)	21,6	22,2	24,4	23,7	18,6	22,1	23,5	23,0	25,0	18,4	24,4	21,9	27,3	24,5	20,4
7 (highly satisfactory)	17,7	20,0	18,6	18,6	16,3	16,8	18,0	17,3	17,2	18,8	16,1	14,0	19,3	13,3	20,8
6 (satisfactory)	11,8	14,9	11,5	11,0	12,5	10,5	11,3	12,2	9,6	16,7	8,2	8,6	9,3	5,9	17,0
5 (sufficient)	9,8	12,7	7,0	6,9	13,6	6,9	7,3	8,4	5,7	15,0	4,5	5,8	4,8	2,3	15,8
	Master														
10 (excellent)	32,0	15,3	25,0	28,6	43,2	32,2	37,4	26,1	25,3	26,6	28,0	30,0	45,9		
9 (very good)	26,0	21,1	26,3	30,6	26,5	30,6	28,2	31,4	28,4	18,0	33,7	28,8	22,4		
8 (good)	19,9	23,3	27,3	21,3	15,8	20,7	20,9	22,4	24,9	17,5	23,5	25,9	15,0		
7 (highly satisfactory)	12,6	18,5	13,4	11,2	7,9	10,1	9,1	11,2	11,9	15,9	9,6	10,5	6,1		
6 (satisfactory)	6,3	12,3	5,7	5,1	3,8	4,6	3,1	5,9	6,1	12,4	3,7	3,8	3,7		
5 (sufficient)	3,2	9,6	2,3	3,2	2,8	1,7	1,4	3,0	3,4	9,6	1,5	1,0	6,9		

A goldfish is captured mid-jump, leaving a white trail of water as it moves from a smaller, partially filled spherical fishbowl on the left towards a larger, also partially filled spherical fishbowl on the right. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text is centered over the image, between the two fishbowls.

Experimenting with Egracons:
NO changes for “conversion”
policy so far

EGRACONS says:



The **EGRACONS Grade Conversion Tool** offers a **user-friendly web-based tool for grade conversion** that ensures a fair, transparent and systematic grade conversion based on the guidelines of the ECTS Users' Guide and respects the different grading cultures of the institutions

The **tool enables both single conversion** (a single student grade to a single grade) **and multiple conversion** (all the grades on the TOR of one student + print option)

Conversions are only possible between HEIs who have supplied their grading table data. These should be uploaded annually.

The tool aggregates (combines) the degree programmes (of the same cycle) that belong to the same ISCED study field code to make up one single reference group (discipline) as identified by a 4-digit code

EGRACONS example based on ECTS Guide's recommendations and

Principles

When transferring the grades the grade distribution tables of the sending and receiving institutions should be compared

The position of each grade in percentiles within the two tables should be compared, and individual grades converted on the basis of this

The receiving institution should decide in advance how they will convert the grades within the overlapping ranges (minimum, average or maximum)

Italian institution

18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30 lode
6.9%	1.9%	5.7%	2.3%	6.0%	2.7%	11.3%	8.2%	9.0%	11.8%	12.3%	0.5%	15.7%	5.7%
100*	93,1	91,2	85,5	83,2	77,2	74,5	63,2	55	46	34,2	21,9	21,4	5,7

French institution

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
34.79%	18.59%	18.45%	12.05%	9.46%	3.65%	2.30%	0.43%	0.22%	0.06%	0%
100	65,21	46,62	28,17	16,12	6,66	3,01	0,71	0,28	0,06	0

*Accumulated percentage in red

27 in Italy becomes 12 in France



EGRACONS CONVERSION TOOL

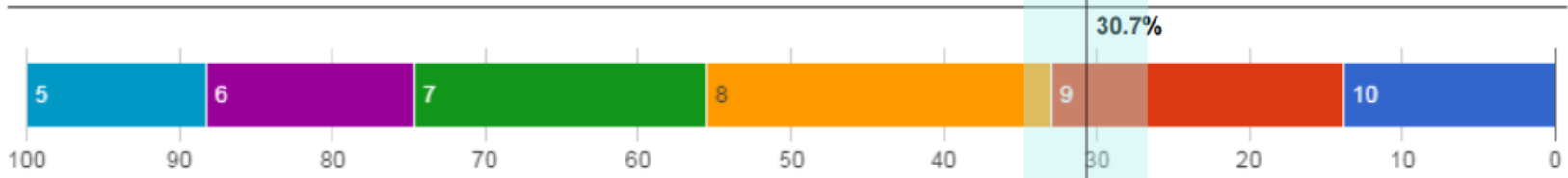
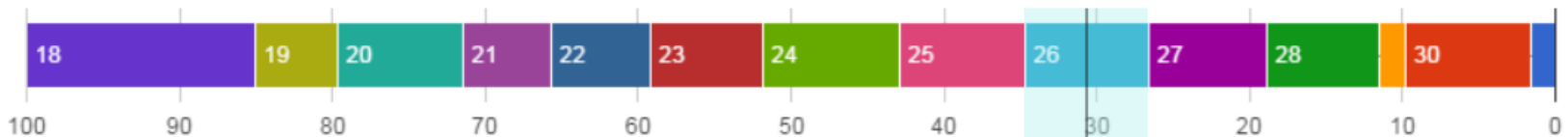
Grade conversion in Egracons Tool (2)

Host Institution: Sapienza University of Rome
Discipline: BACHELOR - 0311-Economics
Awarded grade: 26

Home Institution: Vilnius University
Discipline: BACHELOR - 0311-Economics
Suggested result grade: 9

Host Institution - Sapienza University of Rome - BACHELOR - 0311-Economics

Grade	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30 e lode
Percentage	14.92%	5.41%	8.16%	5.79%	6.56%	7.26%	8.94%	8.22%	8.09%	7.78%	7.38%	1.68%	8.17%	1.64%
Cumulative	100.00%	85.09%	79.67%	71.51%	65.72%	59.16%	51.90%	42.96%	34.74%	26.66%	18.87%	11.49%	9.81%	1.64%



Home Institution - Vilnius University - BACHELOR - 0311-Economics

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10
Percentage	11.71%	13.62%	19.11%	22.54%	19.18%	13.85%
Cumulative	100.00%	88.29%	74.68%	55.57%	33.02%	13.85%



EGRACONS CONVERSION TOOL

Grade conversion in Egracons Tool (1)

My Institution

Country Lithuania ▼	Institution Vilnius University (VU) ▼	Grading Table Years 2012-2013/2013-2014/
Degree cycle* BACHELOR ▼	Degree title 0311 - Economics ▼	ISCED code* 0311 - Economics ▼

Host Institution

Country* Italy ▼	Institution* Sapienza University of Rome (Sapienza) x ▼	Grading Table Years 2012-2013/2013-2014/	Country Report	Institution Report
Degree cycle* BACHELOR ▼	Degree title Select ▼	ISCED code* 0311 - Economics ▼	Override?	

Grade Conversion

Awarded grade at host* 26 ▼	Suggested result grade 9	Shortened grading table 65.26 (8.09) 26.66	Show Details
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EGRACONS CONVERSION TOOL

Aggregation level

- Subject?
- Programme?
- Faculty?
- University?
- **Egracons** uses ISCED codes of subject areas (Eurostat/OECD/UNESCO)



EGRACONS CONVERSION TOOL

ISCED

(International Standard Classification of Education)

02 Arts and humanities	021 Arts	0211 Audio-visual techniques and media production 0212 Fashion, interior and industrial design 0213 Fine arts 0214 Handicrafts 0215 Music and performing arts 0218 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts
	022 Humanities (except languages)	0221 Religion 0222 History and archaeology 0223 Philosophy and ethics 0228 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving humanities
	023 Languages	0231 Language acquisition 0232 Literature and linguistics 0238 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving languages

For incomings: Grade distribution tables (differences throughout campuses)

5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	5	6	7	8	9	10
Subtotal for 023 Languages in FilF												
50	130	314	636	641	634	2405						
2,1	5,4	13,1	26,4	26,7	26,4	100,0						
100,0	97,9	92,5	79,5	53,0	26,4							
Subtotal for 023 Languages in KHF												
17	20	32	82	167	295	613						
2,8	3,3	5,2	13,4	27,2	48,1	100,0	Total for 023 Languages					
100,0	97,2	94,0	88,7	75,4	48,1		100	97,8	92,8	81,3	57,6	30,78


For outgoings: Student 1

Host institution and period	Course title	ISCED code?	Host institution grade	Home institution grade
Gent Physics	Medical Physics	0912	15	Pass
	Extragalactic Astronomy	0533	12	7
	Cross – course project	?	16	8
	Contemporary Economics and Social History	031	12	pass
	American Culture	0314	10	6

For outgoings: Student 2

Host institution and period	Course title	ISCED code?	Host institution grade	Home institution grade
Warsaw Mathematics	Spanish language	0231	4	8
	Computational mathematics	0541	3	6
	The basics of presentation of science and technology	054	4,5	9
	Polish history and literature on silver screen	022	4	8
	Approximation theory	0541	3	6
	Czeslaw Milosz's Vilnius	022	3,5	6

Basic Observations



The results within the same subject area might considerably differ according to the faculty

Some programmes have only very few students and high grades (They do not distort general view but separate mobile students of those programmes might be punished)

What ISCED's should be for interdisciplinary programmes

What ISCED codes should be for (major/ minor)?

Too few institutions use it



Thank you for
Your
Attention!