



Conversion of grades as part of the recognition of examination results from foreign universities

Where it is necessary to convert grades for the purpose of recognising partial examination results from foreign higher education institutions, the following conversion table applies; it intentionally uses the grading scales set out in the examination regulations:

ECTS	A+/A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	E	F/FX
Bamberg	1,0	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	4,0	5,0

If 'E' is used to indicate 'failed' in a foreign grading system, the following conversion table applies:

ECTS	A+/A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	E	F/FX
Bamberg	1,0	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	5,0	5,0

In both tables, the subgrades of the letter grades from the transcripts provided by the foreign higher education institution are generally adopted. If these subgrades are not available, local grading systems, such as percentage marks or numerical marks, are used instead. The range of local marks assigned to a whole letter grade is divided into three equal intervals (exception: for the letter grade A, the upper and middle intervals are combined to form the top mark of 1.0, as our marking system does not recognise 0.7).

In addition to using the conversion table, a conversion is carried out using the modified Bavarian formula, which is based on the guidelines of the 'anabin' information system for the recognition of foreign educational qualifications (www.anabin.de):

$$x = 1 + 3 \cdot \frac{N_{\max} - N_d}{N_{\max} - N_{\min}}$$

using: x = the desired grade

N_{max} = the highest achievable grade

N_{min} = the lowest passing grade

N_d = the grade to be converted to the German system

Based on experience, special rules regarding the maximum grade apply to the following countries:

Australia (from March 2010)	80%
United Arab Emirates	85%
China	90
France	16
United Kingdom	70%
Ireland	70%
Netherlands	9
Spain	9,0

In accordance with the principle of selecting the most favourable option, the conversion system that results in the better grade for the student shall ultimately be used. In cases of doubt, and particularly where the above procedure cannot be applied, the Examination Board shall decide. The maximum number of credits that may be recognised for a degree programme, as set out in its examination and study regulations, must be observed.