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

If it is necessary to convert grades within the framework of the recognition of partial examination results from foreign universities, the following conversion table applies, which deliberately uses the partial grade levels of the relevant examination regulations:

ECTS	A+/A	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	C-	D	Е	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

ECTS = European Credit Transfer System

If "E" is used as "fail" in a foreign grading system, the following conversion table applies:

ECTS	-										-
Bamberg	1,0	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	5,0	5,0

ECTS = European Credit Transfer System

In both tables, the subgrades of the letter grades are generally taken from the certificates of the foreign university. If these grades are not available, local grades, e.g. percentage grades or numerical grades, are used instead. The range of local grades assigned to a whole letter grade is divided into three equal intervals (exception: for letter grade A, the upper and middle intervals arecombined to form the top grade of 1.0, as our grading system does not recognise 0.7).

Parallel to the application of the conversion table, if the required information is available, a conversion is carried out using the modified Bavarian formula, which is based on the specifications of the information system for the recognition of foreign educational qualifications "anabin" (www.anabin.de):

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

x =grade searched for

 N_{max} = highest achievable grade

 N_{min} = lowest pass mark

N_d = grade to be transformed into the German system

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Based on experience, special regulations generally apply for the following countries with regard to the maximum grade that can be achieved:

Australia	80%
Arab Emirates	85%
Belgium	17
China	90
France	16
Great Britain	70%
Ireland	70 %
Netherlands	9
Spain	9,0

If deviating regulations are listed on the transcript of the foreign university, these will always be used to determine the maximum grade and lowest pass mark.

The following generally applies:

For the purposes of a more favorable assessment, the conversion system that results in the better grade for the student will be used.

In cases of doubt and especially if the above procedure is not applicable, the Examination Board will decide.

The maximum credit limit of a degree program in accordance with its examination and study regulations must be honored.

signed Prof. Dr. Frank Westerhoff

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