

THE DUTCH GRADING SYSTEM – EXPLANATION

ECTS credits

At Utrecht Summer School, credits are listed according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The ECTS credits system is based on student workload, which includes contact hours and time spent completing papers and assignments and preparing for examinations. In this system 1 ECTS credit point represents 28 hours of study (including attendance in classes). For a full-time workload, a student is expected to earn 60 ECTS credits in one academic year, and 30 credits in one semester.

The grading system

Dutch grades range from 1 (extremely poor) to 10 (outstanding). The lowest passing grade is 5.5. Grades below 3 and above 9 are hardly ever given. An 8 is very high. A 7 is rather usual, many students get this mark. Students generally get a grade between 5 and 8.

Conversion Dutch grades

Dutch	Quality Assessment	USA	UK	ECTS
10	Outstanding	A+	A+	A
9.5		A+	A+	A
9.0	Very good	A+	A+	A
8.5		A+	A	A
8.0	Good	A	A/A-	A
7.5		A/A-	B+	B
7.0	Very satisfactory	B+	B	C
6.5		B	C+	D
6.0	Satisfactory	B-/C	C/D	E
5.5		D	D	E
5.0	Unsatisfactory	F	F	FX-F
4.5		F	F	FX
4.0	Very unsatisfactory	F	F	FX
3.5		F	F	FX
3.0	Poor	F	F	FX
2.5		F	F	FX
2.0	Very poor	F	F	FX
1.5		F	F	FX
1.0	Extremely poor	F	F	FX