



## The EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER SYSTEM

The ECTS – European Credit Transfer System – was developed by the European Commission in order to provide common procedures to guarantee academic recognition of studies abroad. It provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements and transferring them from one institution to another.

The ECTS system is based on the principle of mutual trust and confidence between the participating higher education institutions. The agreement between the home and host institutions establishing the programme of study to be taken (Learning Agreement), the use of credit units to indicate the student's workload (ECTS credits) and the use of a Transcript of Records, which shows the student's learning achievements in a way which is communally understood and easily transferable from one institution to another, are set out to reinforce the mutual trust and confidence.

In ECTS, 60 credits represent one year of study (in terms of workload); normally, 30 credits are given for 6 months (a semester) and 20 credits for a 3-month term (a trimester). ECTS credits are also allocated to practical placements and to thesis preparation when these activities are part of the regular programme of study at both the home and the host institutions.

ECTS credits are allocated to courses and are awarded to students who successfully complete those courses by passing the examinations or other assessments. Examination and assessment results are usually expressed in grades.



ECTS grading scale:

ECTS Grade	Romanian Grade	% of successful students normally achieving the grade	Definition
<b>A</b>	10	10	EXCELLENT - outstanding performance with only minor errors
<b>B</b>	9	25	
<b>C</b>	7-8	30	VERY GOOD - above the average standard but with some errors
<b>D</b>	6	25	
<b>E</b>	5	10	GOOD - generally sound work with a number of notable errors
<b>FX</b>	4	-	SATISFACTORY - fair but with significant shortcomings
<b>F</b>	1-3	-	SUFFICIENT - performance meets the minimum criteria  FAIL - some more work required before the credit can be awarded  FAIL - considerable further work is required

**ECTS credits:**

1 full academic year = 60 credits

1 semester = 30 credits

1 term/trimester = 20 credits