CREDIT HOUR & GRADING GUIDELINES FOR UNIVERSITE DE LAUSANNE

These guidelines have been developed based on information provided by the partner institutions and by professional credential evaluation organizations. Since many of the systems involved do not use the contact-hour method of calculating credit in use at NC State, **this should be taken as a guide rather than an absolute standard.**

CREDIT HOUR

Universite de Lausanne utilizes the European Credit Transfer System. The ECTS system has been developed as a part of the intra-European exchange system to allow European students to transfer credits taken in another European country to their home university. Because this system is standardized throughout Europe, many institutions now issue transcripts for all exchange students (even those from non-European countries) using ECTS grades and credits, or showing both the local grade and credit system and the ECTS system.

*Very approximately*, therefore, 1 ECTS credit could be considered equivalent to 0.5 U.S. semester credit hours. However, even this standard should be applied with flexibility, as many European countries do not base their academic systems on the same contact-hour principle that is the U.S. standard.

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