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ECTS information for auditors (Erasmus or International exchange students)

MSc in Management 2010-2011

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The ECTS system

✓ What is ECTS ?

ECTS, the **European Community Course Credit Transfer System**, was developed by the Commission of the European Communities 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 few rules of ECTS, concerning Information (on courses available), Agreement (between the home and host institutions) and the Use of Credit Points (to indicate student workload) are set out to reinforce this mutual trust and confidence. Each ECTS department will describe the courses it offers not only in terms of content but also adding credits to each course.

The ECTS system

✓ ECTS Benefits

- > create **an openness at the course level** by giving detailed information on the lessons and their relative importance towards the completion of a degree ;
- > allow **access to regular classes** just like for students of the host country, as well as an active participation in the university life of the institution ;
- > preserve **the autonomy and responsibility** of the higher education institutions for all decisions relevant to the students' results, without modifying the existing teaching structures nor the evaluation methods : the ECTS students attend the same classes and are subject to the same evaluations as the students regularly attending the host institution.

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ECTS credits

✓ ECTS Credits

- > ECTS credits are a value allocated to course units to describe the students workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total quantity of work required to complete a full year of academic study at the institution, that is, lectures, practical work, seminars, private work in the library or at home and examinations or other assessment activities.
- > In ECTS, **60 credits** represent the workload of a year of study; normally **30 credits** are given for a semester.
- > Practical work placements and optional courses which form an integral part of the course of study also receive academic credit. Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all required examinations have been successfully passed.

Number of ECTS per course

✓ **Number of ECTS credits allocated in the MSc in Management programme**

- > *A course of the Graduate Management Programme represents :*
- > 2,5 ECTS credits if it corresponds to 15 teaching/contact hours,
- 5 ECTS credits if it corresponds to 30 teaching/contact hours,

No ECTS credits are allocated to language courses

Grading system

> ESC's grading system is based on a 20 point scale and follows a grading curve.

> In general the professors use the following grid :

18	exceptional
16/17	excellent
14/15	very good work, above average
11-12-13	fair work, average
10	passing note, minimum grade for getting credit for the course
8/9	well below average
5/6/7	very unsatisfactory
1 to 4	of hardly any value

Any class for which a student fails to obtain at least a 10 will not be credited.

It will have to be taken the following term.

Corresponding grading system for MSc in Management/ECTS

ESC Mark	ECTS mark	Definition
16 to 20	A	Excellent Outstanding performance with only minors errors
14 to 15	B	Very good Above average standard but with some errors
12 to 13	C	Good Generally sound work with a number of notable errors
11	D	Satisfactory Fair but with significant shortcomings
10	E	Sufficient Performance meets the minimum criteria
8 to 9	Fx	Fail Some more work required before the credit can be awarded
1 to 7	F	Fail Considerable further work is required