

## GUIDA ETCS

The Academy of Fine Arts of Foggia fully recognizes the training activities carried out by its students at Higher Education Institutes of EU and non-EU countries, with which an official cooperation agreement has been stipulated and where there is a system of credits attributable to the ECTS system.

Our institution adopts the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) for the transfer of academic credits for incoming and outgoing students to ensure the principles of non-discrimination. The system is based on the transparency of the students' study plans and on the assignment of credits for the workload carried out, on the basis of the Learning Agreement signed by the mobile student, by the person in charge of the starting institution and by the person in charge of the host institution or company. ECTS facilitates mobility and academic recognition. In fact, it makes study programs easily readable and comparable for all students, both local and foreign.

The study courses are structured in academic formative credits whose credit unit (CFA) corresponds to 1 ECTS credit. Each CFA includes the measurement of the student's learning work, including individual study, for the acquisition of knowledge and skills in the training activities provided by the courses. 1 CFA corresponds to 25 hours of learning work. 60 credits measure the workload of a full-time student during an academic year. The CFAs of each training activity are acquired by passing the relative exam or recognized for internship, stage, etc.)

For the recognition of subjects taken abroad by students on Erasmus + mobility for study, reference is made to the number of ECTS credits for each discipline and the total number of ECTS credits acquired. The I and II level academic diploma issued to students at the end of their studies is accompanied by the Diploma Supplement (DS) which allows them to be used internationally.

Any excess credits from different exams can be added up only in cases of compatibility, that is, if the exams can be traced back to the same disciplinary sector or included in the subjects chosen by the student.

For the academic recognition of the internship activity carried out abroad, the credits accrued will be assessed when the internship is foreseen during the student's studies; in the event that the internship does not appear in the study plan, the recognition of credits takes place within the optional subjects, or as an additional score in the final diploma thesis.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL GRADING AND ECTS SYSTEM:

The local grade system foresees evaluations based on a maximum of 30 points, to which can be added the “laude”, as a further appreciation for the student (praise).

### GRADING SYSTEMS OF THE INSTITUTIONS

<b>I FOGGIA01</b>	Numerical Scale (grade)	ECTS scale	Definition
	30-30 LODE	A	Excellent
	28-29	B	Very good
	25-27	C	Good
	21-24	D	Satisfied
	18-20	E	Sufficient
	< 18	FX/F	Insufficient (Failed)

ECTS credits:

1 full academic year = 60 credits

1 Semester = 30 credits

1 term/trimester = 20 credits

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The assessment distribution tables show how the national assessment scale is used within the institution, both in selective and open access systems, and allows comparison in parallel with the statistical distribution scale of other (national and international). These tables are elaborated in standardized format and referring to students belonging to the same level of studies.

The results achieved are then presented at the Academy and disclosed in the following documents that the institution is required to issue:

- The Diploma Supplement of its graduates
- The ERASMUS + Transcript of Records for guest students
- The conversion of the grades of their outgoing students, through the comparison with the tables of the host study courses (generally with the same ISCED code)

# Examples for grade conversion<sup>5</sup>:

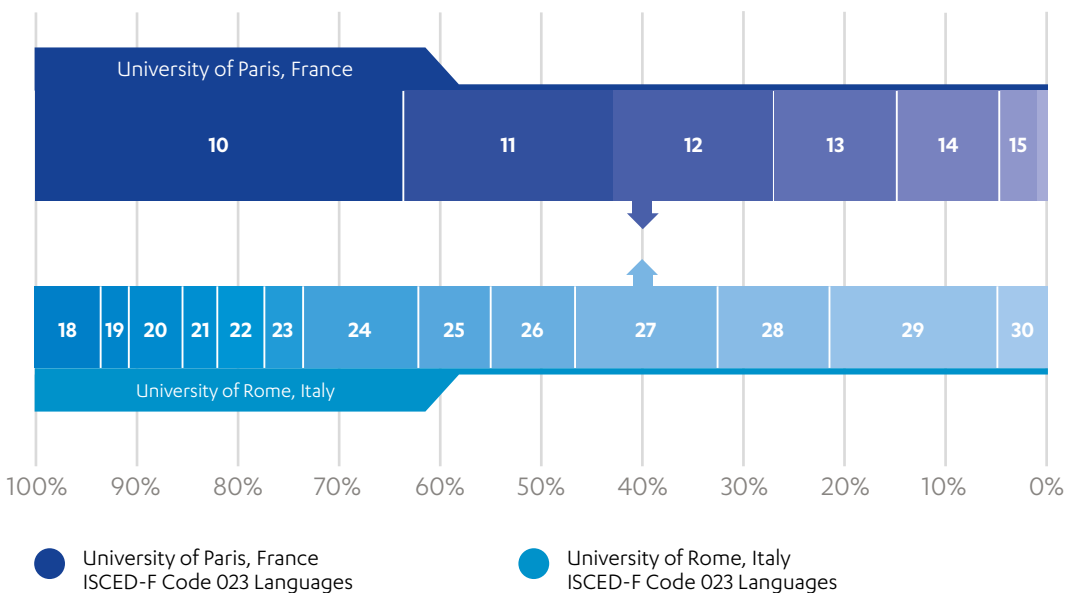
## 1 Grade conversion based on two grade distribution tables from two reference groups belonging to different national grading systems:

**Reference group A in Italy** (Passing grades ranging from 18 to 30 cum laude)

Reference group/Field of study: ISCED Code 023 Languages

**Reference group B in France** (Passing grades ranging from 10 to 20)

Reference group/Field of study: ISCED Code 023 Languages



In this case, the percentage ranges of the grades overlap. The receiving institution should have decided in advance whether they will take the minimum, average or maximum comparable grade of overlapping ranges. Therefore, if the University of Rome had decided in advance that they would use the minimum or the average, the student's grade would be 27 and if they had decided that they would use the maximum, the student's grade would be 28.

<sup>5</sup>Please refer to the ECTS Guide website for further examples added.

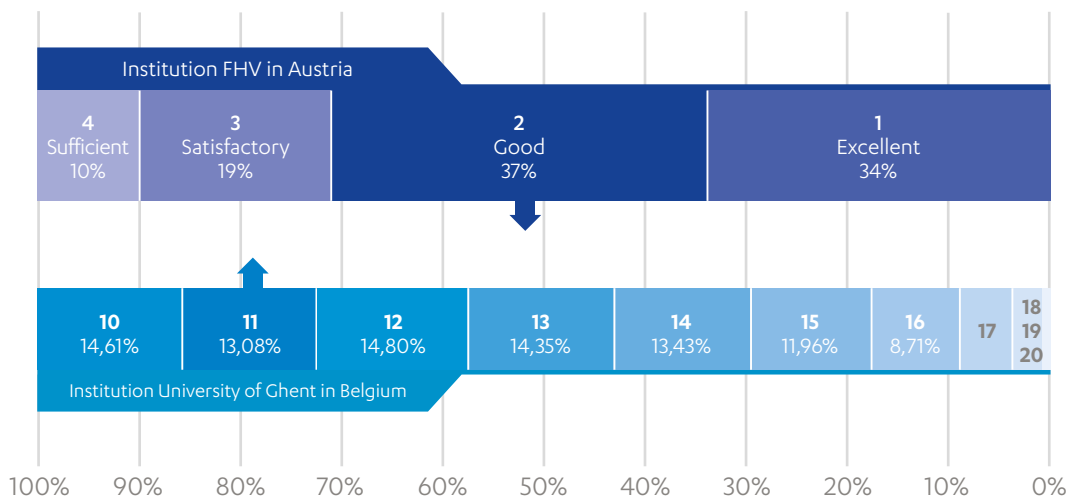
**2 Grade conversion based on two grade distribution tables from two reference groups belonging to different national grading systems:**

**Institution FHV in Austria<sup>6</sup>** (Passing grades ranging from 1 to 4)

Reference group/Field of study: ISCED Code 071 Engineering and engineering trades

**Institution University of Ghent in Belgium** (Passing grades ranging from 10 to 20)

Reference group/Field of study: ISCED Code 071 Engineering and engineering trades



● Institution FHV in Austria  
ISCED-F Code 071 Engineering and engineering trades

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17	5,15%	19	1,10%
18	2,55%	20	0,26%

In this example a grade 2 (Good) from the institution in Austria would be transferred into a grade 13 in the institution in Belgium. A grade 11 from the institution in Belgium would be transferred into a grade 3 (Satisfactory) in Austria. In this case both institutions have decided to use the average in case of overlapping percentage ranges.

<sup>6</sup> University of Applied Sciences Vorarlberg (Fachhochschule Vorarlberg - FHV)