

## FRENCH GRADING SYSTEM

As is the case in all European Union countries, French universities use the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). ECTS credits are awarded for successfully completed studies: one academic year corresponds to 60 ECTS-credits, one semester to 30 ECTS-credits.

ECTS credits take into account the amount of work typically necessary to complete a course. Part of this work may be outside of the classroom; courses with the same number of contact hours may, therefore, have different ECTS values.

French universities use a 20-point grading scale; 20 is the highest grade and 0 is the lowest. A score of 20 is considered perfect and is rarely reached in courses.

**The “passing” grade at the UGA is 10. Credits are not awarded for courses with a grade below 10/20.**

If a student fails to obtain a mark of 10/20 or higher, he is able to resit this subject from the first session of exams during a second session called “rattrapage”.

### **Students in a graduating programme :**

In most Bachelor and Master programs a semester is validated either if the student receives a mark above or equal to 10/20 in each subject or by compensation between the subjects, if the students has no mark below 7/20.

The subjects in which the student has obtained a mark between 7/20 and 10/20 can be resited.

The subjects in which the student has obtained a mark below 7/20 must be resited.

### **Students in a non-graduating programme :**

The student has to obtain a mark above or equal to 10/20 in each subject. There is no compensation.

*The grading in French universities is quite strict. Most passing grades fall between 10 and 14.*

Grade	Qualifications
20	Perfect
19/18	Nearing perfection
17	Outstanding
16	Excellent
15/14	Very good
13	Good
12/11	Average / Passable
10	Passing grade / Adequate
9/8	Failure / Nearing passing
7/6/5	Failure / Poor
4/3/2/1	Failure / Very poor
0	Eliminatory
défaillant	Student was not present for the exam