

INTERPRETATION OF TRANSCRIPTS

The Board of Studies at the Faculty of Law, Uppsala University, has according to decision of 21 September 2004, decided that every exchange student shall be given ECTS-grades as well as Swedish grades. Courses taken within the programme will be noted with the expanded Swedish grading system (i.e. the system corresponding to the ECTS scale; see below).

Swedish Official Grading Scale for Law students

AB – Pass with Distinction

BA – Pass with Merit

B – Pass

U – Fail

Description of the institutional grading system

Swedish Official Grading System	Swedish Expanded Grading System	European Community Course Credit Transfer System	Percentage of successful students normally achieving the grade	ECTS definition
AB	AB+	A	10%	EXCELLENT: outstanding performance with only minor errors
AB	AB-	B	25%	VERY GOOD: above the average standard but with some errors
BA	BA	C	30%	GOOD: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
B	B+	D	25%	SATISFACTORY: fair but with significant shortcomings
B	B-	E	10%	SUFFICIENT: performance meets the minimum criteria
U		FX	--	FAIL: some more work required before the credit can be awarded
U		F	--	FAIL: considerable further work is required

Facilitating scale for the transfer of academic grades

The ECTS scale uses the letters A to E to indicate passing grades, which superficially resembles the North American grading scales. However, it should be noted that the ECTS grades have higher values: thus, also the grade E is a passing grade. Your home university can probably provide you with a translation of their grading scale into the ECTS scale, which provides an approximate indication of the Swedish grade's correspondence to your own university's system.

Modules & workload

All advanced level courses, including the law courses in English, run for ten or twenty weeks and represent 15 or 30 ECTS-credits each. One week corresponds with 1.5 ECTS. The total number of credits per academic year is 60 ECTS.

The extent of a course depends entirely on the number of weeks (holidays not included) between the beginning and the end of the course. Please note that the normal workload is 40 hours a week, including teaching, preparation in groups, written assignments and self studies.