



Grades – a Swedish perspective

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Themes

- Grading scales in Europe and Sweden
- Grade distribution tables and their use
- Credit hours in Lund



The European picture – a mixed bag

Country	Fail	Pass (low to high)
Danmark	-3, 00	02, 4, 7, 10, 12
Finland	0	1 – 5
France	0–9.9	10 – 20
Germany	5	4 – 1
Italy	0–17	18 – 30 con lode
Norway	F, FX	E – A

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_grading_in_XXXXX



Lund University– clear and simple

Faculty/College	Fail	Pass (low to high)
Fine arts	U	G
Science	U	G, VG
Social Science (Political science)	U	E–A
Social Science (Social studies)	U	G, VG
Law	U	B, BA, AB
Engineering (Engineering)	U	3–5
Engineering (Architecture, Design)	U	G



Erasmus Users' Guide

Due to different cultural and academic traditions, European educational systems have developed not only different national grading scales but also different ways of using them within the same country, in different subject areas or institutions.



Erasmus Users' Guide

- Transparency so that grades can be properly understood and correctly compared.
- Mobile students have the right to fair treatment.
- Important for further studies and the job market.

- Before: A common grading scale A, B, C, D, E & F, FX
- Now: Grade distribution tables



Erasmus – Grade Distribution

- Percentages of passing grades
- Reference group: University wide, department wide, course level, or whatever is unambiguous and relevant

Official Transcript of Records for

CECILIA WARFVINGE

(Civic registration number 900404-1688)

FMA420 Linear Algebra

6.0

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2015-03-16

Grading table:

Grade	Number	Percentage
5	2151	22.7
4	3218	33.9
3	4112	43.4

KOK012 Organic Chemistry, Basic Course

9.0

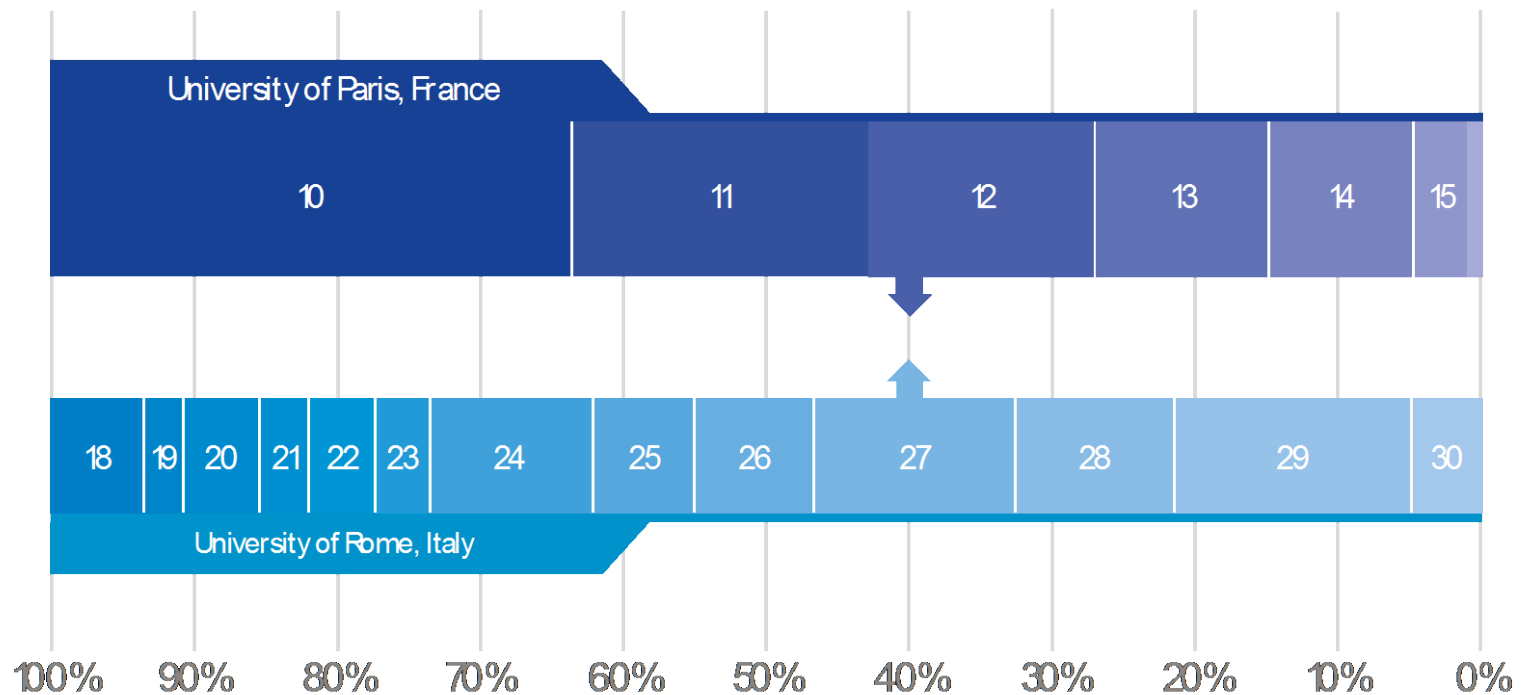
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2015-06-01

Grading table:

Grade	Number	Percentage
5	122	10.0
4	195	15.9
3	908	74.1

Bilateral calibration



● University of Paris, France
ISCED-F Code 023 Languages

● University of Rome, Italy
ISCED-F Code 023 Languages



Contact hours – Info for inbound

Environmental Engineering

Study Year 1 (Mandatory Courses)

Code Credits Lang. Course Name

FMAA05	15	S	Calculus in One Variable
VVR111	15	E	Hydrology and Aquatic Ecology
FAFA70	7.5	S	Energy and Environmental Physics
FMAA20	7.5	S	Linear Algebra
VTGA05	5	S	Engineering Geology
EXTA01	10	E	Terrestrial Ecology

Q1 Fall				Q2 Fall				Q3 Spring				Q4 Spring			
Lec	Tut	Lab	Self	Lec	Tut	Lab	Self	Lec	Tut	Lab	Self	Lec	Tut	Lab	Self
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40	42	10	112	26	23	40	76								
								40	28	10	122				
								46	24	0	130				
												32	16	16	80
												36	32	56	100

Contact time: 166 Contact time: 163 Contact time: 148 Contact time: 188

