

## Recognition of external credits

### Summary

Credit and grading systems differ among countries and between foreign universities. With prior approval of the Examining Board, courses provided by foreign institutes of higher education can be included in the individual Wageningen University examination programme. Credits obtained during Exchange are recognized by Wageningen University. However, grades of foreign universities will not be converted to a 1-10 grading scale, but included in the individual programme with the result 'sufficient'. Wageningen University will display the course title, the name of the university abroad, the number of ECTS, and the initial grade on the BSc or MSc diploma supplement. For courses that are part of a double degree programme, course grades of the partner university will be converted according to predefined conversion tables.

### Credit conversion

The European Union agreed upon a study load ranging from 1500-1800 hours per year as being the standard. Like most universities in the European Union, Wageningen University uses credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Credits from elsewhere are converted to ECTS credits via the information provided by the host institution and if necessary, obtained/verified via other authorities, such as NUFFIC, which is the Dutch organization for internationalization of education. One EC corresponds to at least 28 study hours.

### Exchange

To recognize the credits, successfully completed courses taken at a university abroad are included in the individual Wageningen University examination programme with the result 'sufficient'. The foreign university determines the cut-off point for a sufficient result. The transcript of records as issued by the foreign university reflects the results obtained in the local context of the hosting university. Wageningen University chooses not to convert the grades to the Dutch grading system. Conversion of grades is considered not reliable because various assumptions are needed to translate a grade obtained abroad into the Dutch 1-10 grading scale. Hence, only the initial grades as issued by the hosting university are included on the diploma supplement.

### Double Degree

Double Degree programmes are offered in cooperation with one or more other universities abroad. Courses from the partner institutions are included in a combined programme. Detailed prior agreements are made between the collaborating partners of the Double Degree. The agreements include grade conversion tables that are tailored to the programme. On behalf of the examining boards, grades obtained by double degree students for specific courses at the partner institution are converted according to the predefined tables.

### Transitional arrangements

Until September 2024, foreign grades were converted to the Dutch grading system. Students who arranged an exchange period before the change in grade conversion policy and from whom the examining board receives the transcript of records before 1 August 2025, are given the opportunity to do a motivated request for grade conversion. Please note that Examining Boards of Wageningen University convert grades conservatively. This means that when a grade translates into a range of for example 8-10, the grade will be converted into 8, 8.5 or perhaps 9. After 1 August 2025, requests for grade conversion will not be honoured. The initial grades as issued by the hosting university are included on the diploma supplement.

For more information, students can contact the relevant examining board before they go abroad.