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## European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

ECTS credits are a numerical value (between 1 and 12) allocated to courses to position them within an existing degree or curriculum (e.g., a core course within a degree program will weigh more than an elective). The ECTS credit does not account for the number of teaching or contact hours in a semester, however it is assumed that a core course would represent a more substantial workload than an elective. The workload includes lectures, practical work, seminars, tutorials, fieldwork, private study - in the library or at home - and examinations or other assessment activities. ECTS credits are a relative rather than an absolute measure of a course workload. Within a degree curriculum, 60 ECTS credits represent the workload of an academic year of study and normally 30 credits for a semester, and 20 credits for a trimester.

## Italian Credit System

1 ECTS corresponds to 1 CFU (credito formativo universitario). The full ECTS load equivalent below is indicative and it is only applicable to degree students enrolled in a specific degree curriculum. Study abroad and exchange students may have difficulty reaching the full-load equivalent below as they may enroll in more elective courses than core-curriculum courses. For those students an expected full course-load is 4-5 courses per semester.

- Full-time study load per academic year (FY) is 60 ECTS (60 CFU)
- Full-time study load per semester (1S or 2S) is 30 ECTS (30 CFU)

## **Italian Grading System**

The Italian Grading System ranges from 18/30 to 30/30. The highest mark is 30/30 with high distinction. All the grades under 18/30 are considered Fail (F) and are not reported on the Transcript of Records.