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U.S. Credit System

The credit system used in the United States is mainly based on contact hours, that is time spent in class. Students are therefore required to attend class. Roll calls are customary before every class and students are expected to give notice if they need to miss a lecture.

The 3 credit course is taught 2 times a week for an hour and a half. Class participation is often taken into account for the final grade in addition to all tests, essays, and other graded work during the semester. Unlike the ECTS system, the U.S. credit system does not account for outside-of-class reading, studying, and other work. Attendance to courses is compulsory. Students will also be given regular assignments, which might be graded, such as readings, exercises and short essays. It is advised that students fulfill all the course requirements and homework since it will affect their final grade. Students may also expect a midterm exam and a final in addition to all other graded assignments.

Please view the Academic Policies for the UCSC International Curriculum: https://international.unicatt.it/ucscinternational-Academic_policy.pdf. A full-time student will take between 12 and 15 US credits, that is 4 or 5 courses per semester.

Course Codes and Levels

Course codes

Course Codes usually identify the faculty or department to which the course is associated, however within the International Curriculum, the codes reflect the area of study and level of the course. E.g.:

- IB/MG = International Business/Management
- IB/FI = International Business/Finance
- EC/PO = Economics/Political Science
- IR/PO = International Relations/Political Science
- PL/TH = Philosophy/Theology
- CM/AR = Communication/Arts
- CM/MK = Communication/Marketing
- CM/PS = Communication/Public Speaking
- FS/CM = Film Studies/Communication
- LW/SO = Law and Social Studies

Course levels

100-199 (First-year level course; Beginner)

200-299 (Second-year level course; Intermediate)

300-399 (Third-year level course; Upper intermediate)

400-499 (Upper class level course; Advanced)



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Grading System

Grades will be assigned by according to the Italian grading system (30/30).
Grades will be expressed out of 30 on the Transcript of Records. Students can refer to the chart below in order to know the correspondence between grades and letter.

A	95-100	Excellent	29-30 (30L = A+)
A-	90-94	Very good	28
B+	85-89	Very good	27
B	80-84	Good	26
B-	75-79	Good	25
C+	70-74	Decent	24
C	65-60	Satisfactory	23
C-	60-64	Satisfactory	22
D+	55-59	Pass	21
D	50-54	Pass	20
D-	45-49	Barely Pass	18-19
F	44 and below	Fail	<18

Note for Erasmus+ students/European students

The International Curriculum courses are elective courses within the Facoltà di Scienze Linguistiche e Letterature Straniere degree course and they account for 6 ECTS. Erasmus+ students are allowed to take one course from the International Curriculum and will likely have to complement their course load with UCSC Academic Curriculum Courses in order to satisfy their home institution course load requirements.