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The U.S. Credit system and its similarities with the Cattolica International Curriculum

The Cattolica International Curriculum places a heavy importance on contact hours, similarly to the U.S System. Attendance is taken every class and students are expected to notify the teacher if they will be absent. Cattolica International Curriculum courses are taught twice a week for an hour and a half, and class participation is often taken into account for the final grade in addition to all tests, essays and other graded work during the semester. Students will be given regular assignments such as readings and short essays which may be graded and could affect their final grade. Students may also expect a midterm exam and a final exam in addition to all other graded assignments. A full-time student in the U.S will take between 12 and 15 US credits which is equivalent to 4 or 5 courses on the Cattolica International curriculum. Cattolica courses bear 6 ECTS credits each (e.g., 5 courses = 30 ECTS).

Università Cattolica Grading System

Grades will be assigned 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 understand the correspondence between grades and letter.

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