

GRADING AND CREDIT RECOGNITION SYSTEM - EXPLANATORY NOTE

1- GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system in France goes from 0 to 20.

0 is viewed as the lowest grade.

10 is viewed as the average grade.

20 is viewed as the best grade.

	Grades	Remarks
Grading system	17 and more	Excellent
	14 to 16	Very good
	12 to 13	Good
	11	Satisfactory
	10	Sufficient
	<10	Insufficient

2- EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATION AT INSA CENTRE VAL DE LOIRE

Each academic year is comprised of teaching units (UE) that are compulsory and represent a total of 30 ECTS credits per semester or 60 ECTS credits per year. Each teaching unit (UE) breaks down into different components (EC) that lead to exams. The grade for each teaching unit (UE) is computed by weight average. The coefficients are mentioned in the syllabi. For each teaching unit (UE), a minimal grade of 10 is needed. When the grade for a teaching unit is superior or equal to 10 on 20 and that all the grades of the components (EC) for this teaching unit (UE) are superior or equal to 5 on 20, then the corresponding credits are automatically allocated to the student. For the teaching units (UE) that are not validated, the jury can decide to automatically validate them, or decide for the student to re-sit his/her exams or repeat his/her year.

3- THE EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER SYSTEM - ECTS

The awarding of degrees shaped around the common architecture, Bachelor-Master-PhD, is based on the number of accomplished study semesters since the entrance in a higher-education institution and its corresponding ECTS credits. The number of allocated ECTS credits depends on the degree, in an engineering school, the system is as follows:

Level	Equivalence	Nb of years	Nb of credits earned at the end of the cycle
1st cycle – Year 1&2	Bachelor 1 & 2	2	120
2nd cycle – Year 3	Bachelor 3	1	60
2nd cycle – Year 4&5	Master 1 & 2	2	120
TOTAL			300

Before integrating a year or a level in particular, whether the student is coming for an exchange semester or a double degree, he/she must make sure to have already validated the necessary ECTS credits or equivalents for his/her integration into the chosen curriculum.

4- CREDIT RECOGNITION

a) – Number of ECTS to validate at the end of the mobility

1 semester	1 year (2 semesters)	Double degree (2 years)
30 ECTS	60 ECTS	120 ECTS

b) – Credit recognition by the home institution

At INSA Centre Val de Loire, a transcript of records is issued to the student after each semester jury. It details all the classes followed by the student with the corresponding grades and ECTS credits. The student shall then forward the transcript to his/her home institution.

The home institution agrees to recognise the whole ECTS credits allocated by INSA Centre Val de Loire to the student during his/her mobility, on condition that it has been formalised beforehand by a learning agreement signed by all parties.