CREDIT AND GRADING SYSTEM FOR INCOMING ERASMUS STUDENT

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER SYSTEM (ECTS)

ECTS credits are numerical values (between 1 and 12) which convey the relevance of courses within an existing degree curriculum (e.g. core courses are assigned more credits than optional courses). The ECTS credits of a course do not account for the number of teaching hours. However, it is assumed that more credits are associated to a more substantial workload. The workload includes lectures, practical work, tutorials, private study, examination and other assessment activities.

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.

UNIVERSITAS MERCATORUM CREDIT SYSTEM

Universitas Mercatorum adopts the credit system that is mandatory for Italian universities. This credit system is based on the CFU (Credito Formativo Universitario). Thus, any course is assigned a given number of CFU units. The scale of equivalence between the Italian and the European system is the following:

$$1 \text{ CFU} = 1 \text{ ECTS}$$

UNIVERSITAS MERCATORUM GRADING SYSTEM

Universitas Mercatorum adopts the grading system that is mandatory for Italian universities. The Italian grading system ranges from 18/30 to 30/30. If the performance is excellent, the student may be awarded with a distinction (*30 lode*). All grades under 18/30 are considered as a fail.

The equivalence between the grading system of Universitas Mercatorum and the ECTS grading system is detailed in the following table:

U. Mercatorum	Definition	ECTS
30 lode – 30	Outstanding performance	A
29 – 26	Above the average, some errors	B
25 – 22	Average, notable number of errors	C
21 – 18	Below average, significant shortcomings	D
0 – 17	failure	Fail