



GRADING AND CREDIT POINT SYSTEM GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - UNICAMP

Credit System

At Unicamp, each credit equals 15 semester hours of academic activity (lectures, labs, tutorials, etc.).

A 4-credit course = 60 hours of academic activity per semester

A student taking 9 credits will have a total of 135 hours of academic activities in that semester

After successfully completing the course, the student is awarded the equivalent number of credits.

Grading System

The academic performance of graduate students at the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) is expressed by a letter grade, which has a corresponding value in a 0-4 scale. To be approved in a course, the student must obtain a grade greater than or equal to C and attend more than 75% of classes.

The equivalence between the letter grade and the 0-4 scale is the following:

Letter	0-4 scale	Description
A	4	Excellent
B	3	Good
C	2	Average
D	1	Insufficient, failure
E	0	Withdrawal or less than 75% attendance
S	-	Sufficient or approved*

*There are no grades attributed to certain courses. Successful students receive an "S" and have all the credits counted towards completion of the degree

Approaches used to verify a student's learning process (test, exercises, reposts, projects, course attendance, etc.) are established by the instructor responsible for the course, with the approval of the academic program coordinator.

Cumulative Grade Average (CR)

The student's performance in the whole program is measured by the Cumulative Grade Average (CR), which varies from zero (0.0) to four (4.0), and is calculated by the formula below, rounded to one decimal place:

$$CR = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i v_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i} = \frac{C_1 v_1 + C_2 v_2 + \dots + C_n v_n}{C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n}$$

where C is the number of credits of each course and v is the grade in the 0-4 scale. Courses with a "pass", i.e. with "S", do not count towards the CR.

The information above has been translated and adapted from UNICAMP's Academic Board (DAC) document entitled "Graduate General Regulations" (Regimento Geral de Pós-Graduação), in Portuguese.

ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) Equivalence

There is no official equivalence between Credits at Unicamp and ECTS. One suggestion is that the student finds out the official number of hours for each ECTS credit at the University abroad and then compares it to the number of hours for each credit at Unicamp. As mentioned above, at Unicamp, each credit equals 15 semester hours of academic activity (lectures, labs, tutorials, etc).

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