

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: **Collegium Civita, Warsaw, Poland**

SPONSOR: **College of Social Science**

Scale*	MSU Grade Equivalent*	ECTS Units**	MSU Equivalent Credits
5.5 Celujacy, 5.0 Bardzo dobry (Excellent, Very Good)	4.0	3	2
4.5 Dobry Plus (better than good)	3.5	6	3
4 Dobry (Good)	3.0		
3.5 Dostateczny plus (better than Satisfactory)	2.5		
3.0 dostateczny (Satisfactory)	2.0		
2 Niedostateczny (Failure)	0.0		
Zal Zaliczenie (Non graded Pass)	Pass		
Nzal Niezaliczenie (Non graded Fail)	Fail		

* Adapted from <https://applications.wes.org/country-resources/resources.asp> and AACRAO Edge

** Collegium Civitas adheres to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

Explanations:

- Credit conversion is based on a course-by-course basis. NOT based on the sum of credit earned.
- MSU credit conversion is based on ECTS credits. ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer System and provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements and transferring them from one institution to another. ECTS credits are of relative value. The ECTS credit is 50% of this US credit value: i.e., ECTS credits x ½ = MSU credits. In ECTS, 60 credit points represent the workload of a year of study, 30 credit points are allocated to a semester.

Explanations: If the program grants partial equivalent credits (e.g., 1.5 MSU credits, it is rounded up to the next full credit (e.g. 2 MSU credits). At Collegium, a 3-credit course is at least 30 contact hours a semester.

The academic year

The academic year is divided into two parts: the fall semester (October-mid February), and the spring semester (mid-February-June). Each of them ends with the examination period. Teaching is given in the form of lectures, classes, seminars, laboratory classes and discussion groups. The Summer School Session runs from June -August.

Collegium Civitas, one will be required to earn 180 credit points (ECTS) for a student of the First Cycle (i.e. enrolled on the 3-year BA degree program) Students are expected to be enrolled in 30 credit points a semester. This is equivalent to 15 MSU credits per semester. To obtain ECTS credits for a given course, each student must earn at least a **grade of “passing”** (3.0 in **Collegium Civitas**)

Other academic information:

Collegium Civitas has different course types. Lectures (L), Lecture/Seminar (L/S), Workshop (W), Language Course (LC) Seminar (S) Physical Education (PE) and BA/MA Seminar (BA S). The type of course is listed on the transcript along with course hours, credits and grades. Courses will be offered in most areas of social Science, including criminal justice, politics, history, economics, integrated studies, International Relations and Jewish Studies. Students have the opportunity to do an internship.

MSU students will follow regular courses, in English, with Polish students in the fall and spring. In the summer, the program is largely designed for American students. All coursework must be pre-approved by individual departments for transfer of credit upon the student's return from the Poland. Students will be required to enroll in a minimum of the equivalent of twelve (12) MSU credits per semester for fall and spring semester. Summer School credits can range between 3 to 9 credits.

Useful Web Sites:

Summer School: <https://securityandsociety.org/summer-school/>

Courses: <https://www.civitas.edu.pl/en/admissions/choose-your-course>

