

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office for Education Abroad

PROGRAM: Paris College of Art

SPONSOR: College of Arts and Letters

Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent*	Units	MSU Equivalent Credits
A (Excellent)	4.0	1	1
B+ to A- (High Quality, Very High Quality)	3.5	2	2
B (Very Good)	3.0	3	3
C+ to B- (Above Average, Good)	2.5	4	4
C (Average)	2.0	5	5
C- (Below Average)	1.5	6	6
D (Poor)	1.0		
F (Failure)	0.0		

* Adapted from

Explanations: If the program grants partial equivalent credits (eg., 1.5 MSU credits, it is rounded up to the next full credit (eg. 2 MSU credits)

Other academic information:

Grades Not Included in GPA:

AU-Audit

W-Withdrawal

P-Pass

IP-In Progress

INC-Incomplete

CR-Credit

NC-No Credit

History and Accreditation

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Useful Web Sites:

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Degrees Granted

Students who entered a program at Paris College of Art after **September 2012** are eligible for a degree issued by **Paris College of Art**.

Students who entered the BFA or BBA program at Paris College of Art **between Fall 2011 and 01 September 2012 and who complete their degree by 31 May 2016** were eligible for a degree issued by **Paris College of Art** "upon the recommendation of the faculty of École Parsons à Paris".

Prior to 2011, partnerships between PCA and degree-granting institutions allowed students enrolled at PCA to earn Bachelors of Fine Arts (BFA) in Communication Design, Illustration, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, and Photography, and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Design Management. The partner institutions issue the students' diploma according to the following schedule:

Students who completed their degree requirements at Paris College of Art with a BFA or BBA degree **between Spring 1981 and Spring 2003** or who entered the BFA or BBA program at Paris College of Art **between Fall 2008 and Spring 2011** were eligible for a degree issued by **The New School**.

Students who completed their degree requirements at Paris College of Art with a BFA or BBA degree **between Fall 2003 and Spring 2008** were eligible for a degree issued by the **American University of Paris**.

Academic Calendar

Paris College of Art operates on a semester calendar, with each semester consisting of fifteen weeks. The traditional academic year consists of a Fall and Spring semester. Twelve credit hours per semester are required to maintain full-time status. During the Summer semester, Paris College of Art offers college and pre-college level courses to students. Attendance during the summer semester is not required to maintain full-time student status.

Dean's List and Academic Probation

Full-time students who attain a GPA of 3.5 or higher for a semester are eligible to be placed on the Dean's List for the semester. A student is placed on academic probation at the end of any semester if the student's current semester GPA or overall cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.

Transfer Credit

Courses taken at other institutions are considered for credit towards a Paris College of Art undergraduate degree only if the student earned a grade of C or above according to transcripts from the original institution. Credits transferred from other institutions will appear on the Paris College of Art transcript with TR in the place of a grade.

Grading System

Grade	Description	Quality Points
A	Excellent	4.0
A-	Very High Quality	3.7
B+	High Quality	3.3
B	Very Good	3.0
B-	Good	2.7
C+	Above Average	2.3
C	Average	2.0
C-	Below Average	1.7
D	Poor	1.0
F	Failure	0.0
WF	Withdrew Failure	0.0

Grade Point Average (GPA)

A student's grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the number of quality points earned by the number of hours attempted. If a student repeats a course due to failure the first time, only the new grade will be figured into the calculation of the cumulative GPA; the GPA originally earned in the term does not change.

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Transcripts are issued by The New School for students attending from Fall 1980 to Fall 2001.

Transcripts are issued by Paris College of Art for students attending from Spring 2002 through the present.

Records for the school were maintained by the American University of Paris from 1981 to 1994 and from 2001 to 2008, and by The New School from 1994 to 2001.

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