

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office for Education Abroad

PROGRAM: WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management

SPONSOR: Eli Broad College of Business

WHU Otto Beisheim Grading Scale	MSU Grade Equivalent	WHU Otto Beisheim Credits	MSU Equivalent Credits
1.0 to 1.5 sehr gut (very good)	4.0	2	1
1.6 to 2.0 gut (good)	3.5	4	2
2.1 to 2.5 gut (good)	3.0	6	3
2.6 to 3.5 befriedigend (satisfactory)	2.5	8	4
3.6 to 4.0 ausreichend (sufficient)	2.0	10	5
5.0 nicht ausreichend (not sufficient)	0.0	12	6

Explanations:

- 100% of courses in the undergraduate and graduate programs are taught in English, with 20% of the undergraduate courses also taught in German. A regular workload for semester exchange students is 5 to 7 courses, with undergraduate level courses typically worth 4.5 ECTS and graduate level courses worth 5 ECTS.
- Generally, an undergraduate level course has a total of 24 contact hours, whereas a graduate level course comprises 30 contact hours. WHU awards ECTS credits, with 1 ECTS credit equal to 25-30 hours of overall workload, including lectures, group work, case studies, and exam preparation.
- 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 a relative value. The ECTS credit is 50% of the 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 and 20 credit points to a term.

Other academic information:

WHU structures their academic calendar on quarters. During the fall semester, MSU students will enroll in Quarter I and II courses. Spring participants will enroll in Quarter III and IV courses.

Exchange students have the opportunity during the fall or spring semester to enroll in a 5 ECTS credit German language course. Four levels of instruction are offered from beginner to advanced.

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