



University of Nouakchott (UN)

Office of Academic Affairs, Student Services, and Professional Integration

OFFICIAL GRADING SCALE, CREDIT SYSTEM, AND INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION NOTES

Intended for Uni-Assist, German universities, World Education Services (WES), and international academic institutions.

Institutional note:

This document is issued by the University of Nouakchott to facilitate the academic evaluation of transcripts and degrees within German and U.S. higher education systems. All equivalences provided herein are indicative and non-binding. Final recognition decisions remain the responsibility of the receiving institution.

I. Grading Scale and Indicative International Equivalencies

University of Nouakchott Grade /20	French Mention	German Grade (Continuous Scale)	U.S. Letter Grade	Indicative GPA (4.0)
16-20	Très Bien	1.0 - 1.5	A+/A	≈ 3.8 - 4.0
14-15.99	Bien	1.6 - 2.5	A- / B+	≈ 3.3 - 3.7
12-13.99	Assez Bien	2.6 - 3.5	B	≈ 3.0
10-11.99	Passable	3.6 - 4.0 (Pass)	C	≈ 2.0
< 10	Ajourné	4.1 - 5.0 (Fail)	F	0.0

U.S.: United states; GPA : Grade point average

II. Credit System (LMD / ECTS)

- Bachelor's degree (Licence): 180 ECTS credits
- Master's degree: 120 ECTS credits
- Academic year: 60 ECTS credits
- Semester: 30 ECTS credits
- Indicative U.S. conversion: 2 ECTS ≈ 1 U.S. Semester Credit Hour



III. Graduation Requirements

Students must validate all required modules with a minimum average grade of 10/20 per year. Credits are awarded only for successfully completed modules or through the officially approved compensation rule applied within a single academic year.

IV. Annex: Explanation of German and U.S. Evaluation Systems

German Higher Education System (Continuous Scale):

The German grading system uses a continuous numeric scale ranging from 1.0 (best) to 5.0 (fail), with 4.0 being the minimum passing grade. Intermediate grades (e.g. 1.3, 1.7, 2.3, 2.7, 3.3, 3.7) are routinely used. When evaluating foreign qualifications, German universities and Uni-Assist do not apply fixed equivalence tables. Instead, they rely on conversion formulas (such as the Bavarian Formula) or internal guidelines that map foreign grades onto this continuous scale.

United States Higher Education System:

The U.S. system typically uses letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) associated with a Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. GPA values vary by institution and evaluation agency (e.g. WES). International grades are evaluated holistically, and numeric-to-GPA conversions should always be interpreted as approximate.

Certification:

This document is issued for academic evaluation purposes only and does not constitute a legally binding equivalence decision.

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