

CREDIT HOUR AND GRADING GUIDELINES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Please note, that these are guidelines for calculating grades and not absolute

CREDIT HOURS

Study Abroad and Exchange students at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) may take up to a maximum of four courses/modules per semester. UJ uses the NQF Credit system. A typical course is worth 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 or 36 NQF Credits. Study Abroad and exchange students are advised to select courses starting with 18 NQF credits. One NQF credit equals 0.222 semester credits (multiply the number of NQF credits by 0.222 and round it off to the nearest credit). The usual full load for study abroad and exchange students is 72 NQF Credits, which would be an equivalent of 16 U.S credits. This is considered a full academic load, equivalent to that of a qualification seeking student. One (1) NQF credit represents roughly 10 notional hours of work.

NQF Credit Value	Percentage of Load	U.S Credit Hours
18	25	4.0
24	33	5.0
36	50	8.0

South African Universities do not use the Grade Point Average (GPA) system as in the U.S. Grades are awarded at the end of the semester for individual courses and are based on continuous assessment (mainly consisting of class attendance, tutorial assessment, class assignments, lab attendance where applicable, group projects and class tests). Grades are expressed as Pass with Distinction, Pass, Supplementary Exams and Fail.

UJ grades	Approximate Equivalents:		
	In the US	In the UK	Europe
90 – 100% Passed with distinction	A+	1	16 - 20
75 - 89% Passed with distinction	A	1	14 – 15.9
70 - 74% Passed	B+	2.1	12 – 13.9
60 - 69% Passed	B	2.2	12 – 13.9
50 - 59% Passed	C	3	10 – 11.9
45 – 49% Supplementary exam			8 – 9.9
0 - 44% Fail	F	Fail	F

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