



Recommended Translation Scale

Guidance notes British Council USA, Notes for Study Abroad Advisers, 2001.

“There is no official method of equating British, American and European educational qualifications. The educational systems are very different and attempts to compare them must be done on a strictly provisional basis. Many US institutions have already developed systems of assessing their study abroad students and/or equating British grades to US grades.”

ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) grading is a norm referenced system.

Translation Scale

The table below is a recommended translation scale:

LSBU Mark (%)	Bachelors Classification	Masters Classification	Recommended Letter Grade Translation for US Institutions	Recommended Letter Grade Translation for ECTS
70-100	First Class Honours	Distinction	A	A (72-100)
65-69	Upper Second Class	Merit	A-	B (64-71)
60-64			B+	
55-59	Lower Second Class	Pass	B	C (58-63)
50-54			B-	
45-49	Third Class	Fail	C+	E (40-49)
41-44			C	
40			C-	
0-39	Fail		F	F (0-39)