

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: *Economics at Tilburg University – The Netherlands*

SPONSOR: *College of Social Science, Department of Economics*

ECTS Grade*	Dutch Grade	American Grade	MSU Grade Equivalent*	ECTS Units**	MSU Equivalent Credits
A	9.5-10.0	A+	4.0	4	2
A	8.5-9.0	A	4.0	6	3
B	7.5-8.0	B+	3.5	8	4
C	7.0	B	3.0	16	8
C	6.5	C+	2.5		
D/E	6.0	C	2.0		
FX	5.5	D	1.0		
FX	5.0	F	0.0		
F	<5.0	F	0.0		

* Adapted from <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/netherlands.htm> and Tilburg University transcript; please note that the TU transcript indicates a grade of 5.0-5.7 is considered failure with some more work required before the credit can be awarded. This option of submitting late work is NOT an option for study abroad students.

** European Credit Transfer System

Explanations:

- Credit conversion is based on a course-by-course basis. NOT based on the sum of credit earned.
- 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 this 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.

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:

This program is open to MSU students majoring in Economics who have junior status and have completed all the basic disciplinary courses in their major: EC 201, 202, 301 and 302 (251H and 252H) with a strong recommendation for EC 340 and 420 as well.

The following is an example of potential course offerings: Monetary Economics, Comparative Public Economics, International Trade and Exchange Rates, International Financial Markets, Institutions and Incentives, Competition Policy and Deregulation, European Financial and Monetary Integration, European Economics, Industrial Organization and Technological Change, Philosophy of the Economy, International Markets and Institutions, European Labor Markets, Monetary Policy and Economic Activity, Corporate Finance, Ethics of Markets and Governance, Seminar in International Economics, Seminar in Monetary Economics, and Seminar in Governance and Markets

Courses will be offered in English, but students who would like to study Dutch can do so through the Language Center at Tilburg. Students will enroll in a minimum of fifteen (15) credits.

Useful Web Sites:

Exchange Students: <http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/students/>

Courses Taught in English:

<http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/prospectivestudents/exchange/courses/>

