

Grading scheme at the HvA - Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences

The Dutch grading system, uses from elementary to university education the 1 to 10 scale in the following table, in which 10 is the highest grade, 6 the minimum pass and 1 the lowest grade. However 9's are seldom given and 10's are quite rare. 1-3's are also not very often used.

Official Dutch grading scheme:

10	Excellent
9	Very good
8	Good
7	Satisfactory
6	Sufficient
5 - 1	Fail

Sometimes grades are not given but achievements are expressed in words. If that is the case a V is a pass and a VR is an exemption. The level of achievement is not specified above the minimum level.

The grading table requires universities to keep track of their grading practice and culture, which is good practice in many institutions across Europe. The ECTS grading table allows for simple, transparent interpretation and conversion of grades from one system or context to another, and therefore does justice to the level of academic performance of all learners. Used correctly, it bridges different grading systems as well as different cultures in the European Higher Education Area and beyond.

The grading table presents how many students (in percentages) receive a specific grade. This provides all necessary information to convert the grade in any local grading system.

National / Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences Grades	Total number awarded in reference group	Grading percentages*
10	12,130	1%
9	62,417	5%
8	285,692	22%
7	509,989	40%
6	414,066	32%
Total	1,284,294	100%

* based on the total number of grades awarded in the degree programmes during four preceding years

Credit System

A student's workload is measured in ECTS credits. According to Dutch law, one credit represents 28 hours of work and 60 credits represents one year of full-time study. One semester is 30 ECTS.