

France Credit Transfer Information

Full-time credit load (undergraduate)

One term of full time studies in France is about 15-20 hours per week. At French universities, 15 in-class contact hours is equal to one credit at The University of Montana. To earn 15 UM semester credits, students should enroll in 225 hours of classes per semester. To earn a minimum full time load of 12 credits, students must enroll in 180 hours of classes per semester.

French institutions use the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Students should take 30 ECTS credits per semester, transferring as 15 UM credits. A minimum full time load per semester is 24 ECTS credits, which will transfer as 12 UM credits.

The French ISEP member institutions offer pre-session language intensive courses. Credit will be given in correspondence to the amount of in-class contact hours per class. Fieldtrips will not be included in the total amount of in-class hours.

Grade conversion

French Grade	U.S./UM Equivalent
14-20	A
12-13.9	B+
11-11.9	B
10.5-10.9	B-
10.1-10.4	C+
10	C
9-9.9	C-
8-8.9	D
0-7.9	F

Upper division

Upper division credit may be granted upon approval by your advisor/department chair upon your return to The University of Montana. Save your coursework and class syllabi to earn such approval.

Other notes

Generally the highest grades awarded by French professors are 14 or 15. Grades of 10 or 9 are satisfactory. Students need an average of 10 out of 20 to pass the year at university. Grading varies greatly from subject to subject. Students studying in France through ISEP usually find controls at the DEUG level best fit their needs and activities. It should be known that the French grading system is very strict and students often do not receive high marks.

French universities do not usually generate annual grade reports for students. Transcripts have to be requested and are usually not available until a student has completed a diploma. Students must give the ISEP host Coordinator a list of classes and professors so that they can retrieve the grades and create an official transcript for the student.