

## Spain Credit Transfer Information

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### Full-time credit load (undergraduate)

A full workload varies from one institution to another, usually between four and eight classes per semester, or four and five classes per year for schools that run on a yearly system. An average of 15 to 20 hours is spent per week for class lectures. At Spanish 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 class per semester.

Some Spanish institutions use the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). If the host institution uses ECTS credit transfer system, 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.

### Universidad de Malaga

1.5 Malaga credits equal one UM semester credit. Students who take 22.5 Malaga credits per semester will receive 15 UM semester credits. A minimum full-time load per semester is 18 Malaga credits, which will transfer as 12 UM semester credits.

### Grade conversion

| Spanish Grade |                    | U.S./UM Equivalent |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 10            | Matricula de honor | A                  |
| 9-9.9         | Sobresaliente      | A                  |
| 7-8.9         | Notable            | B                  |
| 5-6.9         | Aprobado           | B-                 |
| Below 5       | Suspenso           | 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

A score of 9 or 10 is considered excellent, 7 or 8, very good, and 6 is average. Spanish professors rarely award a 10; on average students receive grades between 6 and 8. Spanish universities are severe in their grading in comparison to the United States, especially in technical fields such as architecture where it is not uncommon that over 50 percent of a class fails.

Students may need to obtain professors' signatures on enrollment cards (fichas) prior to departure. Host ISEP Coordinators will work with students to explain this process if it exists for the student's university.