

ECTS Credit Allocation At Istanbul University

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a credit system that is student-centered and based on the workload of the student. This value expresses all the work that a student must do to be able to complete courses successfully and to attain the predetermined learning outputs (theoretical lessons, practical lessons, seminars, individual study, exams, assignments, etc). Every course offered at Istanbul University has both local and ECTS credits. The local credit of a lesson is formed by taking the total hours spent by the student in theoretical lessons every week, and half the hours spent in the laboratory, practical lessons, or in the studio. This system, created from the start for credit transfer, is used as a credit accumulation system institutionally, regionally, nationally and on the European level. Istanbul University has prepared the ECTS tables of all its, faculties, institutes, schools and vocational schools in a comprehensive manner in 2007. The ECTS guidelines are available at the following address. http://www.istanbul.edu.tr/uaik/ABegitim/english/ECTS/ects_klavuz.php. In the framework of the reconstruction of the learning outcomes of each programme at the university also the ECTS credits are being reformulated to reflect learning outcomes. ECTS credit allocation is based on the student workload needed in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. Student workload hours consist of theoretical and applied/laboratory hours of courses, self studies, seminars, field study, atelier, research and presentations, projects, homeworks, quizzes, midterms, finals and exam preparations, etc. All student workload hours are fully recognized. An educational semester comprises 16 weeks (including exam weeks) and an educational week includes 8 hours in five working days and 4 hours at the weekends, totally 44 hours per week. 16 weeks per semester times 44 hours per week results in 704 hours per semester and 1408 hours per an academic year. Since each year has 60 ECTS credits, 1408 hours per year divided by 60 ECTS credits equals 24-25 hours per ECTS credits.

The calculation of the General Academic Grade Average (GANO) is carried out according to the student's local credits and grades. However, both local credits and grades, as well as the ECTS credits and grades, will be shown on the transcripts.