

GRADING CONVERSION GUIDE

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University of Waikato

New Zealand Grade	New Zealand Percentage	US Grade
A ++ (Excellent)	90 - 100%	A
A + (Excellent)	85 - 89%	A
A (Excellent)	80 - 84%	A
A - (Excellent)	75 - 79%	A
B + (Good)	70 - 74%	B
B (Good)	65 - 69%	B
B - (Good)	60 - 64%	B
C + (Satisfactory)	55 - 59%	C
C (Satisfactory)	50 - 54%	C
C - (Restricted Pass)		D
D (Failure)	40 - 49	F
E (Extreme Failure)	0 - 39	F
W	Withdraw	No credit

The average length at the University of Waikato for undergraduate degrees is 3 - 4 years, depending on the degree. In one semester of study, an undergraduate student can take a maximum load of no more than four undergraduate subjects (papers).

Total credit point load to earn a degree = 360 – 480 points depending on the degree.

A 100 Level Paper = 15 points

200 and 300 Level Papers = 20 points each

Credit Point Loads:

Minimum semester credit point load = 50 points

Average semester credit point load = 60 points

**Maximum semester credit point load = 70 points*

**Students may enroll in 70 credit points where the load consists of two 100-level papers, at 15 credit points each, and two 200 or 300-level papers, at 20 points each.*

Recommended credit:

15 – 20 credit points per paper = approx. 4 U.S. semester credits per subject

Sources: University of Waikato, International Education Office located in Hamilton, New Zealand

New Zealand: The 1981 World Education Series Volume by Patrick J. Kennedy is a Special Report that describes new certification/grading practices at the secondary level in each city. Published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)

The University of Waikato Workloads

The EFTS (Effective Full Time Student) value of a paper gives a good indication of your required time commitment. We expect a full-time student to spend a total of 50 hours a week studying during the teaching year. This total time includes lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments, reading and thinking. A simple rule-of-thumb for calculating the workload for any paper is:

$$\text{Hours per week} = \frac{100 \times \text{EFTS value}}{\text{Length of paper in semesters}}$$

For example, a Level 1 paper (0.125 EFTS) studied over one semester would require a commitment of approximately 12.5 hours per week.

A table of workloads for papers of different lengths and at different levels is given below.

LEVEL	EFTS VALUE	SEMESTER PAPER
100	0.125	12.5 hours/week
200	0.147	14.7 hours/week
300	0.175	17.5 hours/week
400	0.224	22.4 hours/week

You should also note that the ratio of class time to personal study time varies from paper to paper, and changes between levels. At Level 1, *class* work will involve a greater proportion of time than at Level 4.

Semester Indicators

A – The paper is taught in the first semester of the year (A Semester)

B – The paper is taught in the second semester of the year (B Semester)

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