

**Standardised Policy for Grade Conversion for Exchange Students to and from Rhodes**

The following tables are to be used as guides when converting marks.

Rhodes students on exchange will have their grades converted according to the following tables. Converted grades will be reflected in the comments section of their academic records.

Staff teaching abroad or who need clarity when considering marks attained abroad should use the tables below as a guideline.

*THESE CONVERSION RATES MAY BE UPDATED IN FUTURE AS MORE DATA IS GATHERED.*

**Table 1: US to South African Grading Systems:**

US Grade	Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
A+	90	First Class
A	83	
A-	75	
B+	73	Upper Second
B	67	Lower Second
B-	62	
C+	58	Third Class
C	55	
C-	52	
D	50	
F	F/45	Fail
F	DPR	
F	DNW	

**Table 2: Canadian Grading System**

Canadian letter symbols are to be seen as equivalent to US letter symbols.

Canadian Letter Grade	Windsor Percentage	Bishop's percentage	Suggested Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
A+	93-100	80-100	90	First Class
A	86-92.9		80	
A-	80-85.9		75	
B+	77-79.9	70-79	73	Upper Second
B	73-76.9		67	Lower Second
B-	70-72.9		62	
C+	67-69.9	60-69	58	Third
C	63-66.9		55	
C-	60-62.9		52	
D+	57-59.9	50-59	50	
D	53-56.9			
D-	50-52.9			
F	35-49.9	0-49	F/45	Fail
F-	0-34.9			

**Table 3: Chinese Grading System**

Chinese Description	Chinese Letter Grade	Chinese Percentage	Rhodes Class	Rhodes Percentage
Excellent	A	90-100	First	80
	A-	85-89		77
Good	B+	82-84	Upper Second	74
	B	78-81		72
	B-	75-77		70
Satisfactory	C+	72-74	Lower Second	68
	C	68-71		65
	C-	64-67		62
Pass	D	60-63	Third	55
Failure	F	0-59	Failure	45

**Table 4: Australian Grading System**

Australian Grade	Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
High Distinction	85	First Class
Distinction	75	
Credit	70	Upper Second
Pass	57	Third
Conceded Pass	49	NCP
Fail	45	

**Table 5: UK Grading System**

Pass Class (Shared by UK and SA)	UK Percentage	Rhodes Percentage
First Class	70-100	80
Upper Second	60-69	72
Lower Second	50-59	65
Third	40-49	55
Fail	0-39	45

### European Grading System

Most European institutions release transcripts that indicate students' grades in both a national grading system and a globally-recognised grading system, either US or ECTS grading systems. Grade conversions should therefore take both systems into account.

**Table 6: ECTS Grading System**

ECTS Grade	Suggested Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
A	80	First Class
B	73	Upper Second
C	67	Lower Second
D	58	Third Class
E	55	
FX	F1S/45	Fail
F	F/40	

**Table 7: German Grading System**

German Grade	Grade Description	Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
1.0	Very Good	90	First Class
1.3	Very Good	77	
1.7	Good	73	Upper Second
2.0	Good	68	Lower Second
2.3	Good	62	
2.7	Satisfactory	58	Third
3.0	Satisfactory	55	
3.3	Satisfactory	52	
3.7	Sufficient	50	
4.0	Sufficient		
5.0	Insufficient	45	

**Table 8: Italian Grading System**

Italian Grade (X/30)	Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
30 lode	80	First
30	78	
29	75	
28	67	Lower Second
27	67	
26	63	
25	63	
24	55	Third
23	55	
22	55	
21	55	
20	53	
19	50	
18	50	
17	45	Fail

**Table 9: French Grading System**

French Grade (X/20)	Suggested Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
18-20	83	First
16-17	82	
14-15	77	
12-13	66	Lower Second
11-11.9	60	
10-10.9	55	Third
9-9.9	49	FS1
8-8.9	45	FS1
<8	40	F

**Table 10: Dutch Grading System**

Dutch Grade	Suggested Rhodes Percentage	Rhodes Class
10	100	First
9.8	98	
9.5	96	
9.3	93	
9	90	
8.8	87	
8.5	84	
8.3	81	
8	78	
7.8	75	
7.5	72	Upper Second
7.3	69	Lower Second
7	66	
6.8	63	
6.5	60	Third
6.3	57	
6	54	
5.8	52	
5.5	50	Fail
<5	45	