

## EUROPEAN GRADING SCALE AT FCT-UNL, PORTUGAL

Any degree is awarded a final grade, expressed according to both the Portuguese grading system, with a grade between 10 and 20, and its equivalent in the European scale of grade comparability.

The final grade in the Portuguese grading system is the weighted average calculated on the basis of ECTS credits of the grades obtained in all curricular units. In order to successfully complete each and every unit, the student must obtain a minimum classification of 10, in a scale of 0 to 20.

The attribution of an ECTS classification – the European scale - to a curricular unit or to the full degree programme is based on the grade distribution obtained by the students who successfully completed that curricular unit or degree in the previous three academic years. The total number of students who finished the unit or graduated from the degree within that period must be equal to, or higher than, thirty. If that number is not achieved, the period may be extended to up to five years. If it is impossible to achieve the minimum sample size, the use of the ECTS scale is replaced by the application of a table produced on the basis of information about grades in all curricular units and degree programmes of the same cycle in the Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, in the three (or five) previous academic years. It must be noted that not all classifications in the ECTS scale will necessarily be represented. The following table is a specific example applied to a certain student of a certain program, in a certain year.

ECTS Grading Scale	% of Graduates	Grades
A	10	[16 - 20]
B	25	[14 - 15]
C	30	[13 - 13]
D	25	[12 - 12]
E	10	[10 - 11]