

- The proportion of elective courses ('Wahlfächer') lies at about 40% of the whole study program in most fields of study. Elective courses are generally assigned a low number of ECTS credits. Austrian students usually take these courses together with compulsory courses, which are rated higher and have more points. International exchange students, however, very often choose courses from the group of elective subjects only. This means that for a relatively high number of semester hours (weekly contact hours), the students only receive a comparatively low number of ECTS credits.

For exchange students we consider a range between 24 to 30 ECTS per semester as a full time study load.

General Academic Information:

The academic year is divided into 2 semesters; each winter and summer semester is comprised of **15 teaching weeks**. All subjects at the University of Graz run over one semester only.

Students begin their major study in the first year of their degree. Undergraduate degrees are three years in length. All three-year graduates have to produce a thesis and they are eligible to enroll in Master Programs. All degree seeking students complete a certain number of credit points to graduate (180 ECTS for a three-year degree), and a prescribed set of subjects. All students receive an individual mark and grade for each subject completed.

Grade		ECTS grade	US Grade recommendation
1 = Sehr Gut	Excellent/Very Good	A	A
2 = Gut	Good	B	A-/B+
3 = Befriedigend	Satisfactory	C	B-
4 = Genuiegend	Sufficient/Pass	D/E	C
5 = Nicht Genügend	Fail	FX/F	F

Assessment

The method of assessment varies between subjects and details can be found in the online course guides: <http://www.uni-graz.at/E/> → Studies → Courses and Exams. If you type in the course number and select the appropriate academic year, you'll find the course online. By clicking on the course title you get to the description of the course and assessment method – when you click on the 'English' button in the upper-right hand corner of the page, you get this information in English.

Students are permitted to resit exams if they have failed except for courses with obligatory attendance. Students who do not withdraw from a subject by the appropriate date are awarded a Fail grade, unless the withdrawal was on medical or other compassionate grounds.