

## The 7-point grading scale used at Danish Universities

The 7-point grading scale came into force by law as of August 2007 and is used by all Danish state-regulated education, including university programs. The grading scale has been designed to be compatible with the European ECTS-grading scale.

The individual student's performance must be assessed according to the extent to which the specific academic goals are met for the specific subject or course (absolute grading method). The relative grading method (for example, grading on a curve) must not be used.

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Grade	Description	ECTS
12	For an excellent performance displaying a high level of command of all aspects of the relevant material, with no or only a few minor weaknesses.	A
10	For a very good performance displaying a high level of command of most aspects of the relevant material, with only minor weaknesses.	B
7	For a good performance displaying good command of the relevant material but also some weaknesses.	C
4	For a fair performance displaying some command of the relevant material but also some major weaknesses.	D
02	For a performance meeting only the minimum requirements for acceptance.	E
00	For a performance which does not meet the minimum requirements for acceptance.	Fx
-3	For a performance which is unacceptable in all respects.	F

**Apart from the 7-point grading scale, pass/fail assessment may also be used.**  
**Note that a 02 is the minimum grade for passing an exam.**

In order to help our partner schools understand the marks that their students have received while on exchange at CBS, the distribution of all seven grades given during the academic year 2013-2014 are listed below:

Undergraduate									
Grade	-3	00	02	4	7	10	12	Total	Average grade
Number given	2,612	3,398	4,208	8,978	14,715	11,939	6,843	52,693	6.47
Percentage	4.96%	6.45%	7.99%	17.04%	27.93%	22.66%	12.99%	100.00%	

Graduate									
Grade	-3	00	02	4	7	10	12	Total	Average grade
Number given	4,252	1,111	1,765	4,827	9,521	8,621	4,938	35,035	6.34
Percentage	12.14%	3.17%	5.04%	13.78%	27.18%	24.61%	14.09%	100.00%	

The figures show us that the grade most commonly given is 7. The least common grade on the undergraduate level is -3, whereas the least common grade on graduate level is 00. The figures also show us that out of 100 grades given at the graduate level, around fourteen of them will be a 12. Likewise, on the undergraduate level, out of 100 grades given, around thirteen of them will be a 12.

The above figures are based on the vast majority of the grades given at all our study programs during the academic year 2013-2014, including grades given for bachelor's and master's theses and courses taken at our International Summer University Program.

Yours sincerely,



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