

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) Policy

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Purpose of policy:

To assign an appropriate number of European Credit Transfer System points (ECTS) to the modules contained within degree programmes on offer at Regent's University, whilst working within the ECTS Users' Guide (issued by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture, Brussels, 2015). The ECTS Users' Guide may be downloaded from the following webpage: https://ec.europa.eu/education/ects/users-guide/index_en.htm

Policy to be followed by:

Those assigning credits to modules at Regent's University London.

This policy has been designed for students who wish to accrue ECTS under the ERASMUS exchange scheme. However, it should be noted that there is no institutional requirement that home students should accrue ECTS.

Rationale for assigning credit:

The ECTS Users' Guide indicates that the first two Bologna cycles are associated with the following ECTS credit ranges:

- First cycle qualifications typically include 180-240 ECTS credits.
- Second cycle qualifications typically include 90-120 ECTS credits, with a minimum of 60 ECTS credits at the level of the 2nd cycle.

These credit ranges follow the ECTS key feature stating that 60 ECTS credits are attached to the workload of a typical full-time academic year of learning within a formal learning programme. This rule applies to all higher education qualifications independent of their level.

Method of calculation

ECTS credits should be translated into Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS) points using the formula:

1 ECTS point = 2 CATS points

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