

ACADEMIC GRADING SYSTEM IN FRANCE

Grades in France are awarded on a scale of 0-20. The passing grade for a single subject is usually 10/20.

A student is considered to have passed the year when the combined weighted average of all his or her grades for that year comes to at least 10.

Each student is given his exam results by the host institution within 5 weeks after the assessment period.

Main discipline

Grades	Descriptions	Comments
18/20 and above*	Excellent with honors	Exceptional performance
16/20 to 18/20*	Very Good	Exceptional performance
14/20 to 16/20*	Good	The level of the performance exceeds the expected level but there are some mistakes
12/20 to 14/20	Satisfactory	Satisfactory performance but there are many mistakes
10/20 to 12/20	Sufficient	The level of the performance is sufficient
< 10/20	Failed	The level of the performance does not reach the expected criteria

* For such performances, the student can receive the unanimous approval of the jury.

Subsidiary disciplines

Passed: minimum criteria have been reached

Failed: minimum criteria have not been reached

The grading system for subsidiary disciplines can also be the same as the one used for the main discipline.

Papers or oral presentations (from master level onwards)

The grading system is the same as the one used for the main discipline, except that there are no specific descriptions.

- 7/20 to 10/20 : your research or presentation can be improved and you are given the opportunity to present your written or oral work on another exam session during the same academic year.
- < 7/20 : the student has to start the whole research process again starting at the beginning of the next academic year.