



**Reference documents:**

Higher Education Act no. 199/2023

Charter of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Targu Mures

Order of the Minister of Education no. 5146/2019 on the general application of the European System for the Transfer of Study Credits

# REGULATION FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM FOR THE ACCUMULATION AND TRANSFER OF STUDY CREDITS (ECTS)

## *ECTS Regulation*

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## Chapter I. Definition of terms, application, responsibilities

**Art. 1.** The following terms, as described below shall be taken into account in the development and interpretation of this Regulation:

1. **Credits (credit units)** – numerical values assigned to some units of courses and other didactic activities, through which the average amount of work performed by the student for the mastering of a subject is appreciated.
  2. **Allocation of credits** – the number of credits out of the total number of credits provided for a training program;
  3. **Individual work** – the total number of activities carried out by a student for the acquisition, preparation and passing of a subject (physical presence at courses, seminars, laboratories/trainings, tutoring, individual study, elaboration of works, research, etc., including examination);
  4. **Transferred credit** – a credit unit obtained in an institution other than the home institution or in another course of study and which is acknowledged by the home institution on the basis of interuniversity agreements or a study equivalence regulation;
  5. **Awarding of credits** – certification that, for the result obtained in the evaluation, the workload defined by the number of credit units was carried out;
  6. **Obtained credit** – credit unit validated by taking and passing the examination in a given subject;
  7. **Failed credit** – the credit unit corresponding to a subject whose study has not been validated by passing the related exam;
  8. **Credit in advance** – credit unit obtained, under certain conditions provided by the university regulations, by studying some subjects related to the year higher than the one in which the student is enrolled;
  9. **Additional credit** – credit obtained by attending and promoting an elective or an optional subject, which is not included in the compulsory curriculum of the study program. The additional credits cannot replace the credits related to the compulsory subjects;
  10. **Accumulation of credits** – represents the sum of all credits acquired by the student at a given time;
  11. **Mobility** – educational activity performed by the student in another institution than the one in which he is enrolled, based on a bilateral agreement;
  12. **Bilateral agreement** – framework document established between two institutions for carrying out a student mobility program using ECTS;
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13. **Mobility contract** – educational contract established between the student, the home university and the host university, which contains the obligations of the parties and the list of subjects that the student undertakes to follow at the host university;
14. **Credit recognition decision** – document attesting the recognition of the credits obtained by a student following the studies carried out in another institution and / or following a mobility;
15. **Partial transcript of record** – document certifying the studied subjects, grades and credits obtained by the student in a given period of study.

**Art. 2.** This regulation describes the implementation of the European System for the Accumulation and Transfer of Study Credits (ECTS) in the “George Emil Palade” University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș in order to:

- a. highlight the professional results of the students – the function of evaluating the accumulation of knowledge;
- b. calculate the individual performances of the students and their classification;
- c. to appreciate and equate the studies carried out in other higher education institutions, in the country or abroad – the transfer function.

**Art. 3.** The ECTS system is applied at the level of bachelor’s and master’s studies (university or postgraduate), providing a method of measuring and comparing the accumulations resulting from learning and their transfer between institutions.

**Art. 4.** To ensure the implementation and monitoring ECTS, the credit granting system has a coordinator at the University level (vice-rector) and a coordinator of the equivalence of study credits (ECTS), in the person of a vice dean, at the level of each Faculty. At the level of the Faculties, tutors can be appointed according to specializations and years of study, who ensure the counseling of the students. The coordinators draw up regular reports and proposals on the functioning of the system and the improvement of the conditions of application.

## **Chapter II. Highlighting the professional results of students by applying ECTS – undergraduate studies**

**Art. 5.** Each subject is allocated a certain number of credits (integer multiple), regarding the volume of work necessary for the student to achieve the educational objectives of a subject. For students enrolled at the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology “George Emil Palade” of Târgu Mureș the number of credits allocated to a subject is not divisible by activities.

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**Art. 6.** Obtaining credits for a subject is done by passing the exam, namely by obtaining a minimum grade 5 (five) or the result Accepted.

**Art. 7.** The passing of the student to a higher year of education is conditioned by the accumulation of a minimum number of credits. Graduation of the study program is conditioned by the accumulation of all credits required in the program.

**Art. 8.** The compulsory and elective subjects in the curriculum of a university year (except for the courses related to Physical Education) are credited within the limit of the 60 related credits. Physical education is a complementary subject that is allocated credits other than the 60 credits necessary for an academic year. These credits are additional, but mandatory for the student. The number of credits provided in the curriculum for a semester is 30. The elective and/or non-compulsory subjects studied above the minimum limit required in the curriculum allow the accumulation of additional credits. A non-compulsory subject can be allocated 2 ECTS credits.

**Art. 9.** Students who do not obtain the necessary credits for the passing in the next academic year and are re-enrolled in the complementary year, must fulfil the requirements of the curriculum of the study year in which they resume their studies.

**Art. 10.** During a study cycle, the credits obtained by a student are kept and recognized in the process of highlighting professional results. An exam passed in a previous academic year is recognized as passed, even if the number of credits allocated for that subject changes or if, following the modification of the curriculum, a subject of one semester is divided into two subjects of a semester or a two-semester subject is merged into a one-semester subject.

**Art. 11.** The enrollment of students in the second year of study and the following ones is carried out at the secretariats of the faculties, based on the passing of the exams and the accumulation of the number of credits necessary to pass a year of study.

**Art. 12.** In order to be promoted to the next academic year of higher education, the total number of remaining (unearned) credits must not exceed 15 credits accumulated over the last two years of study for the Faculties of Medicine, Medicine in English, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy, while maintaining the requirement of zero remaining credits between the preclinical and clinical stages – where applicable. For the Faculties of Engineering and Information Technology, Sciences and Letters 'Petru Maior', and Economics and Law, the limit is 30 credit units within a study cycle.

**Art. 13.** Within the Faculties of Medicine, Medicine in English, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy, and the UMCH branch the passing of the year requires obtaining at least 45 credits from the total of the 60 allocated. A number of 15 failed credits can be transferred in a higher year of study within a study cycle.

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Within the Faculties of Engineering and Information Technology, Sciences and Letters “Petru Maior”, Economics and Law, the passing of the year requires obtaining at least 30 credits from the total of the 60 allocated. A number of 30 failed credits can be transferred to a higher year of study, within a study cycle.

The passing in a new cycle of studies is carried out with all the 60 credits obtained for each year within the cycle.

**Art. 14.** A fee established by the Senate is paid for the transferred credits.

**Art. 15.** The passing in the next cycle of studies involves obtaining the full credits of the previous cycle. Credits from cycle I to cycle II cannot be transferred.

**Art. 16.** The student who, at the end of the cycle (I or II) still has failed credits in the current year of study or in the transferred ones, and which he does not pass in the complementary year, will be expelled.

a. Students who do not gather in an academic year the minimum number of 45 credits for **the Faculties of Medicine, Medicine in English, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy and UMCH branch, and 30 credits for the Faculties of Engineering and Information Technology, Sciences and Letters “Petru Maior”, Economics and Law** are declared failed. Upon request, **they may repeat the year only once**, on a tuition fee contract.

b. Students enrolled on a tuition fee contract and who are in the same situation, can study the same year again on request. **A student may repeat a year of study for reasons of not passing due to lack of credits, only once.** If they fail the passing after they have repeated the year of study, they will be expelled.

c. Under the conditions of the passing of the year of study, the failed credits from the previous year can be carried out in the following year of study as well, but only within the same cycle.

d. In the attended complementary years, the student will pay the tuition fee corresponding to the year he repeats and the failed credits, as the case may be.

**Art. 17.** The transferable credits system is also valid for the study programs with 180 credits, 240 credits respectively, within the Faculties of the University. The curriculum of these study programs is carried out over a single study cycle.

**Art. 18.**

(1) The curriculum of the study programs within “G. E. Palade” UMFST of Târgu Mureș are structured and they have the credit numbers (ECTS) according to the Government Decision regarding the approval of the Nomenclature of fields and specializations / programs of university studies and the structure of higher education institutions for each academic year, in force.

(2) In the special cases determined by the registration for the 2nd bachelor degree, re-enrollment or transfer, in the situation where the students are given the equivalent of certain subjects from the previous period of studies, in order to obtain the threshold of passing to next year (45 credits) they can also take into account equivalent disciplines from other study year, taking into account the number of credits most



favorable compared to the current year or the year in which the respective discipline was passed.

### **Chapter III. Highlighting the professional results of students by applying ECTS**

#### **– Master’s studies**

**Art. 19.** The passing of each year of study is conditioned by the achievement of 60 credits related to the compulsory and elective subjects in the curriculum of the master’s program. The promotion from the first semester to the second semester and from the third semester to the fourth semester is conditioned by the achievement of the credits provided in the curriculum.

**Art. 20.** Students who have not accumulated the total number of 60 credits provided in the curriculum after the re-examination session (on a tuition fee contract) will be expelled from the two-semester master’s programs. Students in the second year of study who, after the re-examination session (on a tuition fee contract), have not accumulated the total number of 120 credits provided in the curriculum, will be expelled from the four-semester master’s program.

### **Chapter IV. Highlighting the professional results of students by applying ECTS**

#### **– doctoral studies**

**Art. 21.** For the activities included in the curriculum for the year of advanced university training, 60 transferable credits are allotted (30 credits for each semester). The number of credits is established according to the duration and content of the curriculum and of each module in the structure of the year of advanced training.

**Art. 22.** In order to complete the training year, it is necessary to obtain at least 45 credits, the students subsequently have the obligation to carry out the activities and obtain the outstanding credits during the first semester of the following academic year.

**Art. 23.** The PhD candidate who does not obtain the total number of credits offered for the year of advanced university training is expelled from the cycle of doctoral studies receiving a certificate specifying the completed activities for which he/she acquired credits.

### **Chapter V. Classification of students by applying ECTS credits**

**Art. 24.** The classification of students by applying ECTS credits is applied in correlation with the other existing regulations at the University level, for the distribution of tuition free places, scholarships for students and accommodation in student dormitories in the “G.E. Palade” UMFST of Târgu Mureș.

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**Art. 25.** The number of credits obtained by a student in an academic year is used to calculate the weighted average according to the formula:  $AxCa + BxBc + \dots NxCn / 60$ , where A represents the grade obtained for the subject “A”, and Ca represents the number of credits allotted to subject A.

**Art. 26.** The weighted average is a component of the criteria used to illustrate the annual professional performance of the students.

## **Chapter VI. Application of ECTS credits in the equivalence of studies carried out in other institutions of higher education, in the country or abroad.**

**Art. 27.** By using ECTS, for the assessment of studies conducted in other institutions of higher education in the country or abroad, the transfer function of credit units is applied.

**Art. 28.** The equivalence of credits of students who transfer from other educational institutions in the country or who have attended other educational programs will be carried out by a Commission for the recognition of credits, which operates within each faculty of the “George Emil Palade” University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu-Mureș.

For the Faculties of **Medicine, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy**, students, who, after the evaluation of the curricula, of the analytical programs and of the obtained grades, acquire a number of minimum 30 ECTS credits, can be transferred from other medical and pharmaceutical educational institutions or between the faculties within the “George Emil Palade” University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu-Mureș.

**Art. 29.** “George Emil Palade” University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu-Mureș has the right to refuse the equivalence of studies carried out in institutions where there are no conventions for the recognition of studies or which do not apply the ECTS system. In such cases, the decision is taken by the Council of each faculty and cannot be challenged.

### **Art. 30.**

ECTS are used for the evaluation and equivalence of university studies carried out by the own students in mobilities in other institutions in the country or for the equivalence and recognition of studies carried out abroad by the students of “George Emil Palade” UMFST of Târgu-Mureș. Within the ERASMUS+ exchange programs, the equivalence and recognition of the acquired credits will be completed according to the on the Regulation of recognition of academic mobility for study or work experience abroad.

In other exchanges case, on return from abroad, students will present the following documents:

(1) Written proof (original, signed and stamped) regarding the performed internships, the exams taken and the grade obtained. These documents must mention:



1. duration in hours of clinical internships/practical works.
2. the number of course hours
3. the grade/grades obtained for each subject
4. the ECTS equivalent of the grades obtained.

If the visited universities do not use the international credit system and in the absence of the information in point 1.4, the equivalence by percentage calculation of the grade will be applied (example grade:  $18/20 = 9$ ). The correlation between ECTS and the scoring system used in “George Emil Palade” UMFST of Târgu-Mureș is specified in the appendix.

(2) The syllabus which is valid in the visited universities for the subjects for which the equivalence is requested.

**Art. 31.** It will be taken into account that the study of subjects which have not been studied abroad must be planned in a way that to not have temporal overlap with the remaining subjects.

## Chapter VII. Final provisions

**Art.32.** The calculation and allotment of the number of credit units related to a subject are performed by the Dean’s Offices and validated by the Council of each faculty of the University.

**Art. 33.** This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Senate of “George Emil Palade” UMFST of Târgu-Mureș and corroborates with the other existing regulations in “George Emil Palade” UMFST of Târgu-Mureș. As soon as the Regulation enters into force, any provisions to the contrary shall be revoked.

**Art. 34.** The modification of the legislative provisions taken into account in the elaboration entails the corresponding modification of the text of the present regulation.

*The Senate of “George Emil Palade” University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu-Mureș approved this regulation, June 30, 2025 and it enters into force on, July 1, 2025.*

## Appendix

Appendix 01 Correlation between the Romanian grading scale and the ECTS grading scale

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**CORRELATION BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN GRADING SCALES  
AND THE ECTS GRADING SCALES**

The ECTS Grading scale	The Romanian grading scale	The defining scale intervals	The correlation between the grade and the credits
A	10	EXCELLENT – remarkable results, few minor deficiencies.	The total number of credits is allotted
B	9	VERY GOOD – result above average, but with some temporary deficiencies.	
C	7-8	WELL/GOOD – good result on the whole, but with a large number of major deficiencies	
D	6	SUFFICIENT – honest result, but with important gaps	
E	5	PROMOTABLE – result at the level of minimum criteria	
FX	4	INSUFFICIENT – additional effort is required to obtain credit.	No credits are allotted
F	1-3	INSUFFICIENT (totally unacceptable) – considerable additional effort is required	