

Grading scheme and grade distribution:

The Norwegian scale of grades is based on the European ECTS grading scale, with letters from A to F or Passed/Failed. There is only one grade for failed. This is different from the ECTS grading scale that has two grades for failed. Some assignments, field work or similar work may be graded Completed/Not completed.

It is important to point out that the US letter-based grades are different from the Norwegian ones. The comparison with US grades, in the table, is only indicative, and most applicable above D. The percentages for grades below D might be quite different between the US and Norway. The limit for Fail in the US might be 50%.

The percentages are only used for conversion to letter-based grades in single courses.

Norwegian grades:	Equivalent percentages:	US equivalent approx.:
A: Excellent	90 – 100 %	A+
B: Very good	80 – 89 %	A / A-
C: Good	60 – 79 %	B+ / B / B-
D: Satisfactory	50 – 59 %	C+ / C / C-
E: Sufficient	40 – 49 %	D
F: Fail	< 40 %	Fail

In Norway, A should be the grade for an excellent performance, and C should be the average grade over any large population and a long period of time. There is no demand for a statistical distribution of grades in a specified population or class. All grades are to be used equally at all levels of the education, which means that C should be the average grade both at Bachelor's and Master's levels.

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