



European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

ACAD 2 ENGL

Understanding ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)

European universities use the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) which differs from the credit system that is used at Glendon (York University).

6 ECTS = 3 credits at Glendon.

In determining credits, the current practice is to round up or round down based on a multiple of three credit courses. If a student receives the equivalent of 1.5 York credits, we round up to 3 credits. If the student receives fewer than 1.5 York credits, we round down to 0 credits.

The conversion of ECTS credits to York credits is not done on the course per course basis. Total successful ECTS credits will be divided by 2 to obtain York / Glendon equivalent credits.

Example 1

A student receives a total of 55 ECTS from the host university which would be the equivalent of 27.5 credits from York ($55 \div \text{by } 2 = 27.5$). The student will be granted 27 INEX credits. The York credits are rounded down to 27 because the student is less than midpoint of a three credit York course.

(Rationale: fewer than 1.5 York credits are rounded down to 0 credits.)

Example 2

A student has successfully completed a total of 57 ECTS which would be the equivalent of 28.5 York credits ($57 \div \text{by } 2 = 28.5$).

The student will be granted 30 INEX credits. The York credits are rounded up to 30 because in addition to receiving 27 credits, he also received 1.5 credits (midpoint of a three credit York course) for a total of 28.5.

(Rationale: the equivalent of 1.5 York credits are rounded up to 3 credits)