

University of Cologne
Department of Media Culture and Theatre
regulations for ECTS credit points

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Taking under consideration the many different interests and qualities of students, incoming exchange students may choose freely from the courses taught by faculty members of the Department of Media Culture and Theater. Students can receive ECTS credit points in any of the above mentioned courses according to the following regulation:

ECTS credit points	course work and exam (student and teacher agree on one option)	grading
3	active participation	the student's active participation may be graded if the teacher agrees
4	1) active participation + oral presentation 2) active participation + academic paper of 4 pages	arithmetic mean of all taken exams
5	1) active participation + academic paper of 7 pages 2) active participation + oral presentation + academic paper of 4 pages 3) active participation + 2 oral presentations	arithmetic mean of all taken exams
6	1) active participation + academic paper of 10 pages 2) active participation + oral presentation + academic paper of 7 pages 3) active participation + 2 oral presentations + academic paper of 4 pages 4) active participation + 3 oral presentations	arithmetic mean of all taken exams
7	1) active participation + academic paper of 12 pages 2) active participation + oral presentation + academic paper of 10 pages 3) active participation + 2 oral presentations + academic paper of 7 pages 4) active participation + 3 oral presentations + academic paper of 4 pages	arithmetic mean of all taken exams
<i>All courses taught at the Department of Media Culture and Theatre comprise class for 2 hours/week.</i>		

This regulation applies (1) only for incoming exchange students and (2) only for courses which are being taught by faculty members of the Department of Media Culture and Theatre.

For each course, students have to discuss with their teacher the number of ECTS credit points, which they want to achieve, and the kind of exam/s they have to take, at the beginning of each semester! The teacher has to agree upon the number ECTS credit points as well as the kind of exam/s necessary to receive that number.

Students can't receive more than 7 ECTS credit points for any given course. Students are advised (1) not to take courses with 7 ECTS credit points and (2) to combine different courses with different numbers of ECTS credit points and, therefore, different types of exams.

Teachers decide upon the amount and the range of course work, required for 'active participation'. Active participation may, therefore, cover different aspects such as the preparation of course materials or even short presentations.

Students can only receive grading for exams they took. If a student fails to take an exam or to hand in a paper for a course, s/he can receive a maximum of 3 ECTS credit points if the teacher confirms the student's successful participation in the course. Please, note that active participation is usually not being graded.

Academic papers may be written either in German or English. Academic papers, written in German, need to be composed according to the regulation of the Department of Media Culture and Theatre (<http://www.mekuwi.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/10801.html>). Academic papers, written in English, need to fulfill the requirements of MLA style.

Students have to hand in their academic paper for a course no later than the last day of the semester, in which the course has been taken. (March 31st for winter term; September 30th for summer term.)

Students are recommended to do oral presentations in order to reduce the number of pages for their academic papers!