



**“Methods of calculating degree grades”
ITC and QAU Guidelines for the implementation of the Council decision (meetings ref.
nos. 2888/28-05-2014, 2887/09-05-2014)**

In accordance with the decision of the AUTH Senate (meeting nos. 2888/28-5-2014 and 2887/9-5-14), the method for calculating the grades of degrees awarded by the Academic Units of the AUTH (Degree/Diploma/Postgraduate Specialisation) must be adapted in accordance with the regulations of Ministerial Decision Φ5/89656/B3/2007 (*Government Gazette* 1466/B/2007) on the “Implementation of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System” and the ranking of the grade is to be added to the Diploma Supplement.

Degree grade

The degree grade must from henceforth be calculated with a weighting equal to the exact number of ECTS credits for each course, in accordance with the following equation:

Degree grade = (Course grade 1 x ECTS Course 1 + Course grade 2 x ECTS Course 2 + ... + Project grade x ECTS Project) / Total number of ECTS credits for a degree of the specific graduate

ATTENTION! The new method for calculating degree grades will be applied ONLY for those students who on the day the decision was taken were in a regular (up to N) semester of study. For those students who were awaiting graduation, the degree grade is calculated in the same way as during their programme of study.

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The new method of calculation will be applied to both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Programmes not in the computerised database as well as those which are but are not maintained must be computerised/updated immediately as there will be a problem with their forthcoming certification by the HQA and – by extension – their operations.

The postgraduate programmes not in the computerised database are as follows:

- School of Law
 - IPMS European and Comparative Social Law
- School of Philology
 - PMS Modern Greek Studies and Culture
- School of Civil Engineering
 - Antiseismic Design of Structures
 - Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development
 - Design, Organisation and Management of Transport Systems
 - Administration and Management of Technical Projects
- School of Chemical Engineering
 - MDE Processes and Technology of Advanced Materials
- Medical School
 - MDE Medical Research Methodology
 - MDE Modern Medical Practices: Legislative Framework and Bioethical Dimension

The computerised but not maintained in the electronic database are:

- School of English Language and Literature
 - Interpretation and Translation
 - European Literature
- School of Architecture
 - IPMS Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Monuments
 - IPMS Landscape Architecture
 - IPMS Museology
- School of Veterinary Medicine
 - PMS Veterinary Medicine
- School of Dentistry
 - Dentistry
- Medical School
 - MSc Medical Informatics

Grade Ranking

On the Diploma Supplement, which graduates of the Institution will receive starting from the next graduation ceremony (June 2014) there must be – along with the new method of calculating the degree grade – a Table indicating the Grade Scheme.

This Table must have the following format (the percentages shown are illustrative):

Grade Scheme

Degree Grade	Grade Distribution
9.00 – 10	5%
8.00 – 8.99	15%
7.00 – 7.99	50%
6.00 – 6.99	20%
5.00 – 5.99	10%

To calculate this Table, the grades from the previous two years must be considered. In other words, for students who will graduate in the academic year 2013-2014, the Table will show the grade ranking of students for the academic years 2012-2013 and 2011-2012. As noted above, this change will not affect graduates in previous graduation ceremonies, i.e. from April 2014 and earlier.

It should be clarified that in order not to change the grade ranking – and hence the Diploma Supplement with each graduation ceremony – the Table will include the previous 2 **academic years** and not calendar years and that the Table itself will be included in the Diploma Supplement of graduates of each year.

Official names of programmes of study and academic units

With the opportunity of the above changes, the updating of the names of the programmes of study and academic units in the student record management system is proposed, wherever this is deemed necessary. In some cases, it has been observed that the official names of programmes of study and academic units (primarily postgraduate) do not correspond to those stored in the student record management system. As this data is published by the QAU, it is essential that common name formats are used for ease, reliability and consistency.

The titles of academic units and active programmes of study as they are today stored in the student record management system can be found at the following site:

<https://qa.auth.gr/el/reports/active>

For example, in the student record management system there are three academic units for the School of Theology, with the titles: UNDERGRADUATE – SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, POSTGRADUATE – SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, and DOCTORATE OF THEOLOGY SCHOOL and two active programmes of study entitled THEOLOGY PROGRAMME OF STUDY and POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN THEOLOGY STUDIES NEW.

As regards the titles of the Academic Units in the student record management system, the following format is proposed:

School of Theology

Postgraduate School of Theology

Doctoral School of Theology

As regards the titles of the programmes of study, the following format is proposed:

PPS of the School of Theology (Year of first application - Year of last application/today)

PMS of the School of Theology (Year of first application - Year of last application/today)

PDS of the School of Theology

In those Academic Units where there is more than one postgraduate programme of study or their postgraduate programmes have specific titles then, instead of the name of the Academic Unit, the title of the postgraduate degree should be given. E.g. for the postgraduate degree of the School of Economics:

PMS Administration and Economy (2000-today)

In the case of an interdisciplinary programme, IPMS will be used, e.g.:

IPMS Informatics and Administration (2008-2012)

In all cases, the titles must be given in capitals, i.e. as acronyms only. These changes must be completed by the end of the current academic year.

Technical work

Over the next few days, and before 30 June, the competent technical staff of the IT Centre will contact the academic units to do the following work:

1. Creation of new programme of studies, copy of previous. If the students of the planned semesters already belong to more than one programme, a copy will be created for each. The exact number of ECTS credits for each course will be given as the weighting for each course of the new programme. If there are already declared teaching credits for each course, these will remain unchanged, otherwise they will again be replaced by the number of ECTS credits.
2. Current students of the planned (as far as N) semesters for each Academic Unit will be transferred to the new programme of studies, replacing the weightings of all their courses and teaching credits it necessary, simultaneously maintaining all the other information on their profile (concentration, registrations, etc.).
3. The Diploma Supplement reference will be similarly amended and be placed at each point. Specifically, the final column with the percentage ranking (ABCD) of each course will be removed and the above table with the degree ranking by academic unit will be used. This Table will result from the Quality Assurance System of the QAU using a centralised statistical tool, as already

happens for certain statistical data. It will then be entered by the users of the Secretariat into the student record management system – based on guidelines – in order to be included on the Diploma Supplement. It should be clarified that if students of the previous two academic years, on the basis of the data from which the grade ranking table will be produced belong to more than one programme of study, the data will be calculated collectively for the whole academic unit. As such, for postgraduate programmes too, whichever programmes of study or concentrations they may be, a collective table will be calculated for all of them, as already happens for all statistical data of the postgraduate programmes.