



Grades in the German grading system as used at TU Dresden

Dear colleague,

since grading systems differ significantly in different countries often problems occur if students receive certain grades at a foreign university and would like to have these grades taken into account for the calculation of their final mark. This is obviously caused by the fact that we need grades in the German system to calculate the final mark at TU Dresden.

To enable a fair transfer of the grades achieved in your course we would thus be grateful if you could provide us on the rear side of this page as well with the grade achieved in your grading system as with the corresponding grade in the German system. To enable this, we will try to explain the German system in the following, as well using the achieved percentage of points in the examination as an averaged distribution of grades.

The German system has 5 grade levels ranging from 1.0 (excellent) to 5.0 (failed). These five levels are refined with intermediate grades which differ in the decimal place. Thus we end up with 11 stages where 4.0 is the worst grade sufficient to pass the examination. These grades are given in table 1 together with the percentage of points achieved in the examination needed to reach the respective grade.

Grade	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.7	4.0	5.0
% of points	≥93	88	81	76	71	64	59	54	47	42	<42

With this system we achieve somewhat different grade distributions in the examinations of the basic study period (bachelor level, Fig.1 left) and of the main study period (master level, Fig. 1 right).

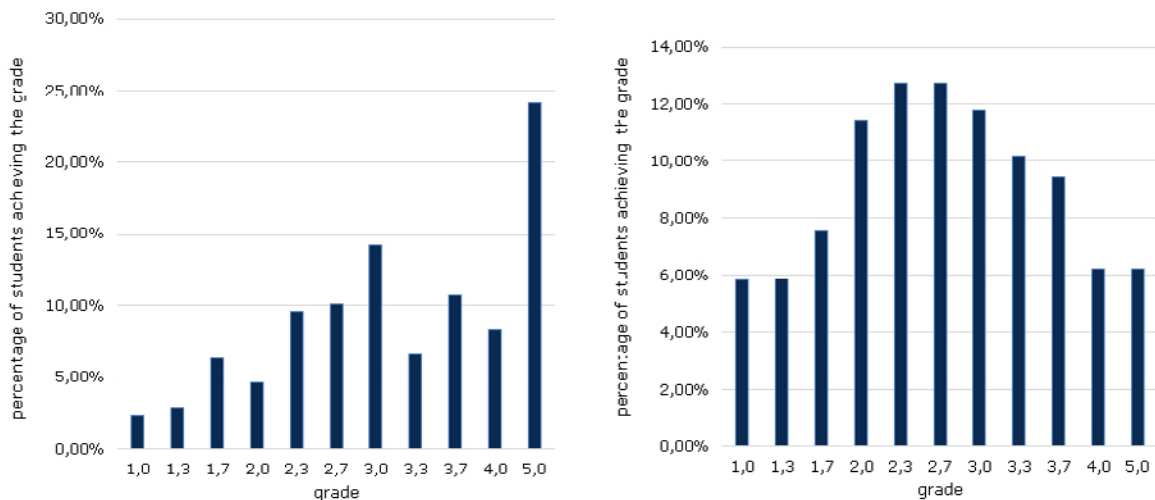


Figure 1: Distribution of grades averaged over about 3500 examinations each for the basic study period (left) and the main study period (right).

We hope that this information will be sufficient to enable you to award a corresponding grade in the German system. In case of any question please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my best regards

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Rating of an examination

University: _____

Course: _____

Lecturer: _____

Credit Points: _____

Grade in the local grade system _____

Grade in the German system _____

Date, Signature

In case of any questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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