

ESTP Paris grading scales

Admission conditions

Prior to being admitted to ESTP, students have to accomplish a two year course « classes préparatoires » in further sciences (mathematics, physics, engineering sciences) and pass a highly competitive exam that is held nationwide.

Grading system at ESTP Paris

- At ESTP Paris, all subjects are scored on a 20-point grading scale.
- At the end of each semester, a student must have a minimum average of 12 over 20 in each teaching unit and no grade below 8 in more than 3 subjects, in order to pass the semester, however subject grades can balance each other within the same teaching unit.
- Most classes have several types of assessments of the students (continuous, labs, final exams, projects), whose average will be the semester grade of the subject. Each subject has a coefficient which is used to weight the teaching unit average.

Grade of the teaching unit	Definition
18-20	Excellent
16-17.9	Very good
14-15.9	Good
12-13.9	Satisfactory
Under 12	Fail

ECTS at ESTP Paris

In accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) framework by the European Commission, ESTP Paris uses the chart below concerning the ECTS letter grades:

ECTS Grade	%	Definition
A	10%	Outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	25%	Above the average standard but with some errors
C	30%	Generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	25%	Fair but with significant shortcomings
E	10%	Performance meets the minimum criteria
F (under 12)	Fail	Fail - further work is required

The ECTS grading scale is based on the class percentile (similar, but not identical to the class rank) of a student in a given assessment, and how he/she performs relatively to other students in the same class. The ECTS system classifies students into broad groups.

The ECTS system initially divides students between pass and fail groups and then assesses the performance of these two groups separately. Those obtaining passing grades are divided into five subgroups: the best 10% are awarded an A grade, the next 25% a B, the following 30% a C, the following 25% a D and the final 10% an E.

To pass a semester, a student must validate 30 ECTS.