

Recommendations on the procedure of the implementation and transfer of ECTS credits

KIMEP Credit System

KIMEP University uses a modified American credit system as the foundation for the curriculum. Each credit represents 50 student learning hours, which may include 10-20 hours of in-class instruction. Typically, a semester long course will meet for forty-five class contact hours and is worth three credits. However, some courses are worth more than three credits and some worth less.

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

This system is based on the learning load and the results of training in discipline. ECTS is a key point in achieving transparency in education and recognizing qualifications and study periods that are fundamental principles of the Bologna process.

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Functions of credit system:

- planning of the learning load during the entire period of study;
- the formation of study plans indicating the laboriousness of each academic discipline in credit units;
- realization of academic mobility between Kazakhstan and foreign universities.

The laboriousness of one Kazakhstan credit for theoretical studies, taking into account classroom activities and the independent work of a bachelor student is 45 contact academic hours, 60 hours - in the profile magistracy, 75 hours - in the scientific and pedagogical magistracy, and 105 hours in doctoral studies.

To ensure the academic mobility of students and the recognition of educational programs (all levels and forms of higher and postgraduate education) in the European educational area, it is necessary to translate Kazakhstan credits into ECTS credits. Academic credit in the framework of ECTS is a unit of measurement of the laboriousness of studying a discipline, both in classroom activities and during independent work. One ECTS credit is equal to 25-30 academic hours.

General learning load in addition to the classroom activity includes the following types of independent study work of the student: essays, papers (projects), laboratory work, preparation for quizzes, midterm control and final exam, the collection of materials and the writing of a thesis (project).

ECTS estimates the total laboriousness of the academic work of one academic year in 60 credits (for a semester, the student earns 30 credits, and in the trimester - 20 credits.) The academic year lasts 30 weeks and 6 weeks are allocated for examinations (final control).

ECTS transfer

The program coordinators at the faculties are engaged in the ECTS transfer procedure, based on the submitted by the students documents (transcript, study plan, syllabus of disciplines). The translation of ECTS credits to KIMEP credits is described in the KIMEP catalog. It is suggested that one KIMEP credit is equivalent to 2 ECTS credits, however, the final decision on credit transfer remains for the academic part.

The table for the translation of ECTS credits in KIMEP credits

| ECTS | KIMEP University |
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| 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 |
| 7 | 4 |
| 10 | 6 |