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# European Credit and Transfer System (ECTS) at UTM.

## 1.0 Background to the ECTS

The European Credit and Transfer System (ECTS), also referred to as the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, is a tool of the European Higher Education Area for making studies and courses more transparent. It is the credit system adopted by European universities and by other higher education institutions around the world. It helps with the mobility of students and in the recognition of their qualifications. ECTS credits represent learning based on defined learning outcomes and their associated workload.

UTM approved its implementation in December 2020.

## 2.0 Implementation of the ECTS System

i.   There should be typically 60 ECTS credits for each level of study which has to be adjusted to accommodate dissertation. On average there will be 10 modules per level and 1500 hours of learning.

ii.  One module will carry 150 hours of learning comprising of 45 hours of delivery which could be any combination of face to face, blended, online, seminar, workshop or joint session. The remaining 105 hours will cover self-learning, self-study, guest lecture etc.

iii. Under the blended learning there will be 7 sessions delivered on a face to face mode with 2 hours contact where applicable. The rest would be offered on virtual / online mode, in the form of tutorials, guided study especially taking into consideration the "new normal" as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. Blended learning, face to face and workshops will have to be conducted for 45 hours.

iv.  For Undergraduate Programme:
   a. 180 Credits will be required to earn a 3-year degree.
   b. Dissertation/Projects at Undergraduate level will be of 12 credits.

v.   For Post-Graduate Programme:
   a. 30 credits will be required to earn a Postgraduate Certificate.
   b. 60 credits will be required to earn a Postgraduate Diploma.
   c. 90 credits will be required to earn a Masters Degree.
   d. Dissertation/Projects at Postgraduate level will be of 18 credits.

vi.  1500 hours of learning will be the norm.

vii. Work placement will carry 6 credits and it was proposed to carry out work placement during semester break.

## 3.0 Quick Reference

| Component | Credits | Hrs. |
|---|---|---|
| One Academic Year | 60 | 1500 |
| One module | 6 | 150 |
| One credit | 1 | 25 |
| Certificate | 60 | |
| Diploma | 120 | |
| BSc (Hons)/BA (Hons) | 180 | |
| B.Eng(Hons) | 240 | |
| PG Cert | 30 | |
| PG Dip | 60 | |
| MSc | 90 | |
| Work-Placement | 6 | |
| UG Project/Dissertation | 12 | |
| PG Project/Dissertation | 18 | |