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## Study Abroad

### Office of International and Summer Programs

#### Semester Program Study Abroad Credit and Grade Translation Memo

**Program:** Study in Portugal Network (SiPN)

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When studying abroad, students should be aware that there are different credit and grading systems overseas that vary by program. The information contained in this memo is correct to the best of Emory College Study Abroad's knowledge as of the date posted above. This memo has been created using information provided by the study abroad program, in consultation with colleagues at other institutions utilizing the same study abroad program, and/or per guidelines or commonly used practices in the field of international education and education abroad. Students should also be aware that changes are possible at any time, and Emory College Study Abroad will notify students of any changes as soon as possible.

#### COURSE APPROVAL PROCESS

Students must obtain approval for ALL courses taken abroad and must consult with the appropriate departmental Faculty Study Abroad representative at Emory for course approvals that are **NOT** already blanket approved. Students should not take classes for which they cannot obtain approval. Once the overseas transcript arrives at the Office of International and Summer Programs (OISP), the transcript will not be processed until ALL of the approvals have been submitted.

#### CREDIT TRANSLATION

Portuguese Universities follow the European credit system, also known as the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). SiPN offers courses that range from 6-12 credits. A common rule of thumb is to divide the number of ECTS credits by 2 to estimate the Emory credit transfer. For example, a 6 ECTS SiPN Course = 3 Emory Credits.

\*\* Please note: Credits are not awarded based on the number of contact hours listed for a course. Courses with different contact hours may have the same number of credits awarded. \*\*

## **GRADE TRANSLATION**

Emory will transfer the grades as listed on the SiPN transcript. Grades will be recorded on the Emory transcript and factor into the Emory GPA.

Portuguese universities utilize a point system with a scale of 0-20. Below is the conversion chart for Emory grading.

SiPN Grade	Emory Equivalent
17-20	A
16-16.9	A-
15-15.9	B+
14-14.9	B
13-13.9	B-
12-12.9	C+
11-11.9	C
10-10.9	C-
9.5-9.9	D
1-9.4	F