

## ECTS grades replaced by ECTS Grading Table (EGT)

In order to facilitate the mobility of students within Europe, the European Directorate General of Education and Culture in Brussels issues recommendations on how grades should be transferred between universities in different European countries. New recommendations are published every few years in the *ECTS Users' Guide*.

Until 2009 national/local grades were to be translated to what was known as the ECTS scale comprising the passing grades A-E. With the *ECTS Users' Guide 2009*<sup>1</sup>, however, the ECTS scale was abolished, since it had proved to be difficult to implement and therefore had not been generally accepted. It was replaced by the ECTS Grading Table (EGT), which is a table presenting the distribution of the national/local grades.

Since January 2011 it is possible to print transcripts of records including EGT from Ladok (the national system for documentation of academic information at higher education institutions in Sweden). The EGT is generated automatically and based on all grades awarded on the course from the start until and including the date when the present student was graded.<sup>2</sup> However, the EGT of a specific course is normally only included in the transcript of records if grades from the course are available for a period of at least two years. Figure 2 shows an example of a transcript of records including EGT.

In the Rector's decision no. 16/11 *Application of the ECTS Grading Table at Karlstad University*, dated 3 February 2011, the Rector cancels the right of international students to have their grades translated to the ECTS scale, even if such a right is stated in the course syllabus. Instead, all students who ask for international grades should be offered a transcript of records including the EGT.

### **What should I do if my home institution demands ECTS grades?**

If your home university asks to see ECTS grades from your studies in Karlstad, explain that Karlstad University since January 2011, strictly following the recommendations of the European Union, does not issue ECTS grades. It may be helpful for you to print and present this document to support your explanation. Also, present your transcript of records including the EGT.

### **Where do I get a transcript of records including the EGT?**

You are welcome to ask for a transcript of records in the Student Centre Reception. Remember to ask the personnel to check the box for including the EGT. You may also print a transcript of records yourself from *My page* at [www.kau.se](http://www.kau.se) (figure 1).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc/ects/guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc/ects/guide_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> If grades issued after the present student was graded were to be included in the calculation, the student would find different EGTs on transcripts of records printed on different occasions.

<sup>3</sup> If you have completed courses at Karlstad University in 2010 or earlier, you may also have ECTS grades. Include them in the printout by checking the relevant box.

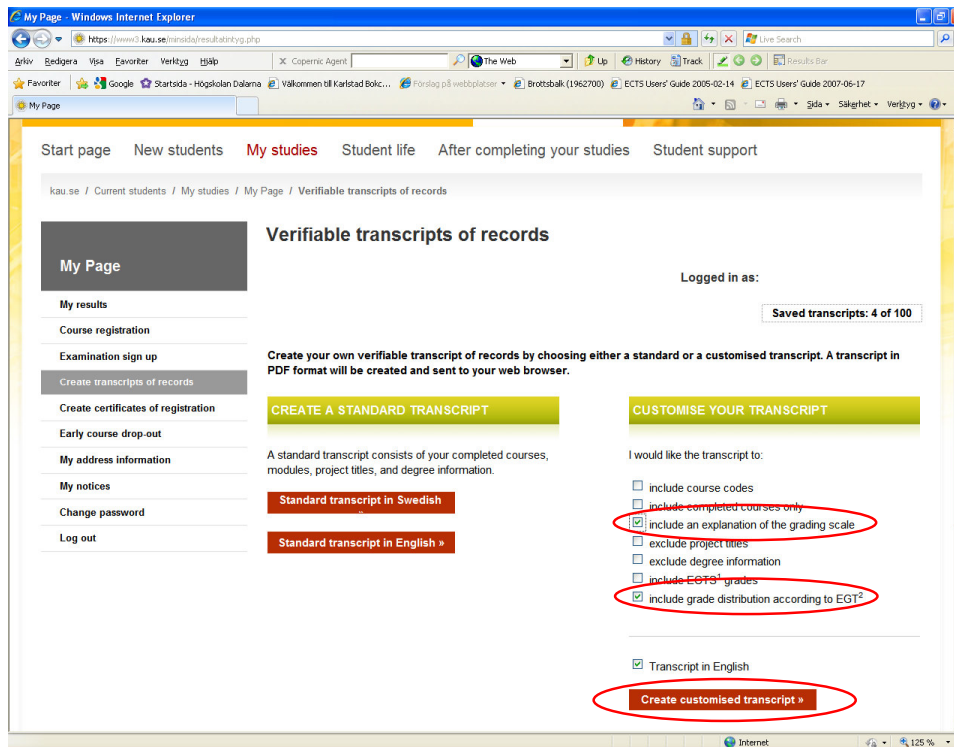
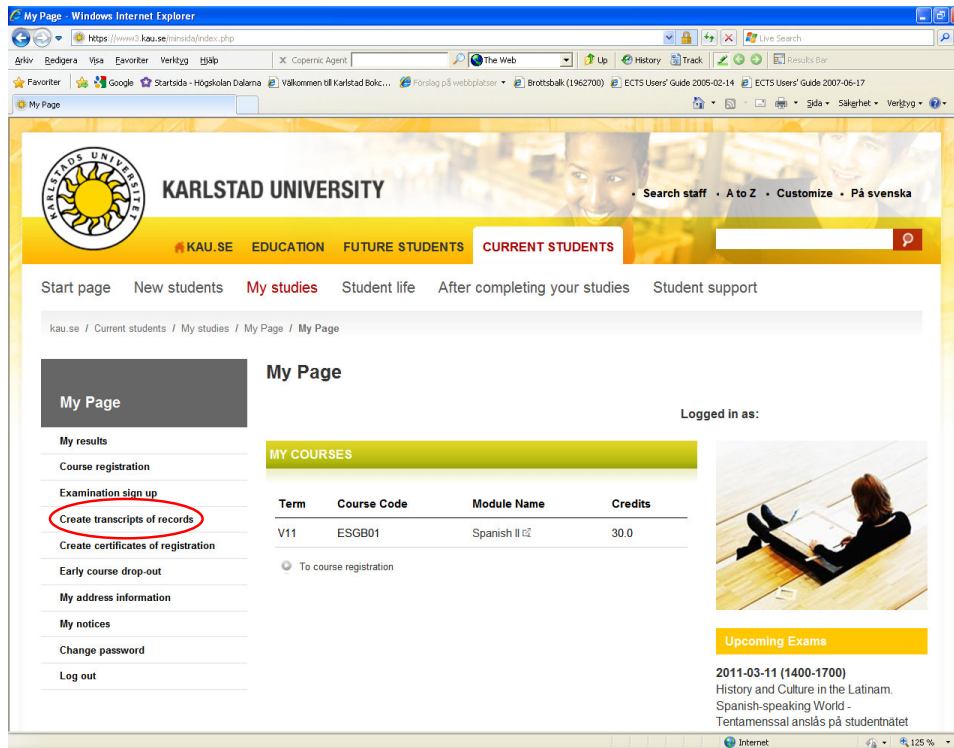


Fig. 1 – How to print a transcript of records including the EGT from My page. Red frames added for clarity.

Courses	Credits	Grade	Date	Note
----- Electrical Installations and Regulations	7.5	5	2005-03-21	1
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
5 2 11,1				
4 9 50,0				
3 7 38,9				
Regulations - Written Exam	( 4.5)	4	2005-03-21	
Electrical Installations - Oral Presentation	( 3.0)	G	2005-03-21	
Evolutionary Biology: Humans and Other Organisms	7.5	VG	2006-06-09	2
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
VG 8 21,1				
G 30 78,9				
Evolutionary Biology	( 7.5)	VG	2006-06-09	
Climate in Change	7.5	VG	2007-06-26	2
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
VG 7 22,6				
G 24 77,4				
Report	( 1.5)	VG	2007-06-26	
Seminar	( 6.0)	G	2007-06-26	
Creative Writing	15.0	G	2007-08-23	3
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
G 70 100,0				
Creative Writing	(15.0)	G	2007-08-23	
Personal Development in Work from a Gender Perspective and Applied Knowledge About Working Conditions	7.5	G	2007-10-19	3
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
G 10 100,0				
Personal Development in Work from a Gender Perspective	( 4.5)	G	2007-06-19	
Work Environment Investigation	( 3.0)	G	2007-10-19	
Introduction to Intercultural Communication	7.5	G	2010-01-29	3
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
G 21 100,0				
Intercultural Communications for Administrative Staff	( 7.5)	G	2010-01-29	
Spanish I	30.0	VG	2010-05-27	2
Grading table: Grade Number Percentage				
VG 16 57,1				
G 12 42,9				
Written Proficiency	( 7.5)	VG	2009-12-12	
Contemporary Spanish-speaking Texts	( 7.5)	VG	2009-12-18	
Contemporary Spanish-speaking Literature and Film	( 7.5)	VG	2010-04-28	
Oral Proficiency	( 7.5)	VG	2010-05-27	
Credits obtained in unfinished courses	Credits	Grade	Date	Note
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English for Academic Administration (Focus Written Skills)	( 5.0)			
Portfolio	2.0	G	2010-06-16	3
Spanish II	(30.0)			
Oral Proficiency	7.5	G	2011-03-01	2
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Total sum:	92.0	credits		

The above is an excerpt from the register of student records.

Notes:

Grading systems:

- 1) 5 Pass with distinction, 4 Pass with credit, VG Pass with distinction, 3 Pass, G Pass
- 2) VG Pass with distinction, G Pass
- 3) Pass course only, G Pass

Grading table is only available for courses with grades awarded over a period of at least 2 years

This transcript contains credits converted 1 July 2007.

60 credits represent a full academic year.

Fig. 2 – Transcript of records including the EGT (curtailed). Red frames added for clarity.