



Ingénieur Polytechnicien Program

Grading System

Established in 1794, École Polytechnique is regularly ranked as France's first science and technology university awarding Bachelor, Master and PhD level diplomas, and among the first institutions worldwide for employability and internationalization.

École Polytechnique's Ingénieur Polytechnicien Programme is a unique 4-year graduate degree providing students with both:

- Multidisciplinary undergraduate-level courses (years 1 & 2) which give students a solid scientific background in pure and applied mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, mechanics, computer science, economics and social sciences;

- Specialized graduate-level courses (year 3) in one of the following concentrations: Biology, Bioinformatics, Chemistry, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Energy, Innovation Technologies, Environmental Engineering, Computer science, Learning and AI, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Space Engineering, Public Affairs, Material Sciences, Mechanics and Physics.

ECTS credits

École Polytechnique's second and third years of *Ingénieur Polytechnicien* Program consist of six terms over the course of which at least 120 ECTS credits must be obtained, with three terms per academic year and an average of 9 weeks of courses per semester. The final year includes a research-based internship.

Each term allows students to obtain at least 20 credits and a maximum of 30 credits. ECTS credits are awarded to each validated course.

Grading system up to the academic year 2024-2025

Key to literal grades			GPA
A	Very High Honors	Pass	4.0
B	High Honors	Pass	3.7
C	Honors	Pass	3.2
D	Below Expectations	Fail	2.5
E	Very Below Expectations	Fail	1.5
F	Disciplinary Grade	Fail	0
ABS	Absence at the final exam	Fail	0

Please note that the literal grades are the only ones that are considered in the assessment of students' performance at École Polytechnique.

Grading system guidelines – *applying only to the 2nd year scientific modules, the 2nd year internship and the "Sport and general attitude" Human Training grades (2nd and 3rd years)*

The nominal proportions of A and B grades are set in advance in relation to the number of students graded in the course (with a fluctuation interval depending on the number of students):

33% A grades, 40% B grades. No nominal proportion is fixed for grades lower than or equal to C.

New grading system as of the academic year 2025-2026

As of 2025, Ecole Polytechnique has put in place a new grading system applicable to all programs, Graduate as well as Bachelor. This grading system and the grading scale point associated were arrived at following extensive benchmark and is thus more in line with the American grading system.

Key to literal grades			GPA
A+	Exceptionnal	Pass	4.3
A	Excellent	Pass	4.0
A-	Very good	Pass	3.7
B+	Good	Pass	3.3
B	Fairly Good	Pass	3.0
B-	Satisfactory	Pass	2.7
C	Marginal pass	Pass	2.0
D	Insufficient	Fail	1.0
F	Fail	Fail	0
ABS	Absence at the final exam	Fail	0

The grade F is systematically awarded in cases of serious misconduct (unjustified absence from classes, failure to attend an exam without justification, attempted cheating, plagiarism, unacceptable written work or comments, etc.).

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Grading system guidelines

For each course, the target median grade is set at A-.

This means that 50% of students receive a grade of A- or higher (that is, A or A+), while the remaining 50% receive a grade of A- or lower (that is, B+, B, B-, etc.).

Therefore, there is in particular no fixed proportion of students who fail the course.

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