

CREDIT SYSTEM AND TRANSFER CREDITS

See also [CIU 115 001 Academic Credit Hour Policy](#).

A credit hour is the unit by which the performance / achievement of students is measured.

- In North America, a study unit (SE) or credit hour (cr.hr.) is defined as 45 hours.
- In the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), a study unit is defined as 25-30 hours. For the purpose of conversion into whole numbers, we assume 27 hours per ECTS. 1 ECTS point corresponds to 0.6 US credit hours.

For each course of 3 US credits hours, one must count on approximately 135 study hours – including 25-30 class hours.

According to the American system 3 credits correspond approx. 5 ECTS-points:

3 SE/cr.hrs.: 3 x 45 hrs. = 135 hrs.

5 ECTS: 5 x 27 hrs. = 135 hrs.

1. Transfer Credits

See also [CIU 104 002 Transfer Credit Policy](#).

Within the curriculum of the *degree* programs, studies completed at other schools may be used for credit if they meet the following requirements:

- studies must be taught on the same academic level and have similar prerequisites to (ATS) accredited schools,
- grade may not be lower than C (doctoral level: B-) according to the grade scale of CIU,
- studies must be comparable in terms of time (135 hrs. for 3 credits)
- course content must relate to the course of study at CIU Korntal, and
- courses and grades must be documented with an official *Transcript*.

CIU Korntal determines which courses will be accepted for credit. Transfer credits are reviewed and approved by the Admissions Committee and Admissions Office.

If the study credits are not classified according to the North American system, they may have to be converted (e.g. from British or European modules to American credits). For transfer credits from other educational contexts, an evaluation by [WES](#) is necessary.

If coursework is completed at other institutions *during* your studies at CIU Korntal, you should first check with your Academic Advisor whether it meets the transfer criteria.

For the Master of Arts in CTH, ICL and ICS programs, the following elements must be taken at CIU Korntal (i.e. they cannot be covered by transfer studies):

- Mission and Methods of Theology
- Biblical Theology of Missions
- Comprehensive Exercise
- At least one concentration course

For the Master of Divinity the following elements must be taken at CIU Korntal (i.e. they cannot be covered by transfer studies):

- Mission and Methods of Theology
- Biblical Theology of Missions
- Comprehensive Exercise
- At least one course
- At least one course from the subject area Intercultural Studies (ICS)
- At least one course from the subject area Intercultural Leadership (ICL)