

Special Note on the Vietnamese Educational Grading System

Currently, a 10-point grading system is used at all educational levels in Vietnam, except in joint programs between foreign and Vietnamese institutions. The normal passing grade is 5. Below is a generalized transcription of the grading system. However, please keep in mind that national universities (such as the Vietnam National Universities in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City) maintain higher grading standards and very few or no students may receive grades in the range of 8-10.

<u>Score</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Percentage of students</u>
8-10	Excellent/Outstanding	1-5 percent
6.5-7.9	Good	15-25 percent
6-6.5	Above Average	20-30 percent
5-6	Average	20-30 percent
< 5	Failing	5-10 percent

Please also note that Vietnamese institutions do not send official transcripts to universities on behalf of their students. The students must request a stamped transcript of the institution, then have it translated and certified at a government office or by the registrar's office of the school.