



Sorbonne University Paris, France ASPIRE Exchange Course Equivalency List

This document lists the courses at the ASPIRE Exchange partner university that have already been approved for an IU equivalent course. We will update this list when new equivalencies are established. See the date at the bottom for when this list was last updated and know that the list is subject to change as new information becomes available.

Students can enroll in many courses beyond those listed below. Any other course taken on the exchange program will provide generic, 100-level credit by default (a.k.a. “undistributed credit”). Undistributed credit counts toward the total number of credits needed to graduate, but it doesn’t fulfill Gen. Ed., CASE, or Major Requirements. To get specific credits for courses that do not yet have an established equivalency, the student requests a course equivalency evaluation. However, if a course at a partner university is not similar to a course at IU, it will remain undistributed, which is not necessarily a problem.

To request a course equivalency evaluation, refer to the [Course Equivalency How-To Guide](#) on the [ASPIRE Exchanges](#) website. Contact the [academic advisor](#) in the most relevant department at IU to provide a syllabus for the course at the partner university.

Sorbonne University credit conversion

1.5 -2 ECTS = 1 IU Credit
2.5-3 ECTS = 1.5 IU Credits
3.5-4 ECTS = 2 IU Credits
4.5-6 ECTS = 3 IU Credits
6.5-8 ECTS = 4 IU Credits
8.5-10 ECTS = 5 IU Credits

Please see the **GRADE CONVERSION** chart on the last page of this document.

Natural + Mathematical Sciences Courses

Sorbonne Course	IU Equivalency	Notes
LU2MA122 Linear and Bilinear Algebra 2	MATH-M 409 Linear Transformations	
LU3MA236 Ordinary Differential Equations	MATH-M 472 Numerical Analysis 2	
LU3TS501 Geochemistry	EAS-E 406 Introduction to Geochemistry	6 ECTS
LU3ST604 Water Resource Risks	EAS-E 351 Elements of Hydrology	3 ECTS
LU3TS504 Sedimentary and Geodynamic Environment	EAS-E 226 Earth Processes	6 ECTS
Applied Geochemistry	EAS-OS 100	6 ECTS
LU3SV562 Plant-Environment Interactions	BIOL-OS 300	6 ECTS
LU3SV662 Evolution and Biodiversity	BIOL-OS 300	6 ECTS
LU3SV564 Scientific Method and Application to Ecology	BIOL-OS 300	3 ECTS
LU3SV670 Multilevel Approach to Ecological Problems	BIOL-OS 300	3 ECTS
Ecology & Evolution	BIOL-L 318: Evolution	3 ECTS
Genetics	BIOL-L 311: Genetics	3 ECTS

Note for the last four courses above:

“This course counts as an Unspecified Advanced BIOL lab in the Biology BA and standard Biology BS degrees. Not approved for any Biology concentration.”

**This exception is approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies for Biology. However, students should coordinate with the Biology Advising Team in advance of taking the course.

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Sorbonne Course	IU Equivalency	Notes
Field study: Soil and water chemistry	EAS-X 420 Regional Field Geology	3 ECTS. Exception

Social + Historical Sciences Courses

Sorbonne Course	IU Equivalency	Notes
L6LF26SL Syntaxe generale	LING-OS 100 General Syntax	
L4LFZ042 Linguistique comparee	LING-OS 100 Comparative Linguistics	

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L5PH03A1 L'engime de la democratie	POLS-Y 303 Policymaking in the U.S.	exception
L5H10154 Historie politique de la France et due monde occidental XX-XXI	POLS-Y 362 International Politics of Selected Regions	exception
L5PH03A2 Sourverainete et Liberte	POLS-Y 383 Foundations of American Political Thought	exception

Arts + Humanities Courses

Sorbonne Course	IU Equivalency	Notes
Francais general C1	FRIT-F313 Advanced Grammar	
L4LA28FR Les Enjeux du monde contemporain L'ecrivain engage	FRIT-F 450 Culture and Society in French Studies	
L6AA02AR Grece antique	CLAS-OS 100 Ancient Greece	

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L5HI0151 Defense, Etats, Societes de 1815 a nos jours	FRIT-F 363 La France Post-Revolutionnaire	exception
L5HI0151 Ecrire et penser la fiction	FRIT-F 375 Themes et perspectives litteraires et culturels	exception
L6LM35FR Litterature francaise des XVIIe et XVIIIe siecles	FRIT-F 423 Seventeenth Century French Literature	exception

GRADE CONVERSION
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Sorbonne Grade		IU Grade
14-20	68-100	A
13	63-67	A-
11-12	53-62	B+
10	48-52	B
9	43-47	B-
8	38-42	C+
7	33-37	C
6	28-32	C-
5	23-27	D
below 5	1-22	F