

Rectoral Resolution of February 5, 2025, which develops the Regulations on the recognition and transfer of credits for official undergraduate and master's degree studies at the University of Santiago de Compostela, approved on July 24, 2024, regarding the recognition of activities, and which publishes the catalogue of activities eligible for recognition and their equivalence in credits.

Royal Decree 822/2021, of September 28, which establishes the organization of university education and the procedure for ensuring its quality, stipulates in Article 10 the need for universities to approve specific regulations governing the procedures for the recognition and transfer of credits in official university degrees. In compliance with this requirement, the Governing Council Agreement of July 24, 2024, was adopted, approving the Regulations on the recognition and transfer of credits for undergraduate and master's degree studies at the University of Santiago de Compostela. Its entry into force on February 1, 2025, requires the issuance of the necessary resolutions by the Rectorate for its implementation, as indicated in its first additional provision.

Consequently, it is necessary to specify certain general aspects and determine the activities eligible for ECTS credit recognition in undergraduate studies. These include cultural, sports, student representation, solidarity, and cooperation activities, as well as complementary academic activities organized by USC, along with those involving the acquisition of transversal skills, in accordance with Article 10.9(c) of Royal Decree 822/2021 and the aforementioned USC regulations.

In addition to these categories, credit recognition may also be granted for participation in training activities carried out within the framework of the EUniWell Alliance.

In light of the above, exercising the powers conferred by Organic Law 2/2023, of March 22, on the University System, and the Statutes of the University of Santiago de Compostela, this Rectorate hereby

RESOLVES:

First. Activities eligible for ECTS credit recognition in undergraduate and master's degree studies

1. ECTS credits may be recognized in undergraduate studies for participation in cultural, sports, student representation, solidarity, and cooperation activities, as well as other complementary academic activities organized by the University of Santiago de Compostela, in accordance with the provisions of Annex I.

Furthermore, ECTS credits may also be recognized in undergraduate studies for activities involving the acquisition of transversal competencies, including information literacy, proficiency in the Galician language, foreign languages, and other co-official Spanish languages, as well as training in gender-related matters, in accordance with the provisions of Annex II.

2. Participation in training activities carried out within the EUniWell alliance may be eligible for ECTS credit recognition in undergraduate and master's degree studies, in accordance with the provisions of Annex III.

Second. Maximum limit for ECTS credit recognition

1. Undergraduate students may have up to a maximum of 12 ECTS recognized in their degree program, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation on Credit Recognition and Transfer for Official Undergraduate and Master's Degree Studies at the University of Santiago de Compostela, approved by the Governing Council on July 24, 2024.

2. Master's students may have up to a maximum of 10 percent of the total credits in their study plan recognized, in accordance with Article 10 of Royal Decree 822/2021, for their participation in activities listed in Annex III.

3. Recognized credits will be recorded as elective credits in the academic transcript. Once incorporated into the transcript, they cannot be modified or removed.

Third. Workload and equivalence in ECTS credits

1. As a general rule, 1 ECTS credit will be recognized for every 25 hours of activity.

2. Activities lasting between 16 and 24 hours may be recognized with 0.5 ECTS.

Fourth. Incorporation of elective credits into the academic transcript

1. The method of incorporating elective credits into the academic transcript, whether automatic or upon request, will be determined by the specific activity's call for participation.

If the automatic incorporation of these credits into the transcript is foreseen, the student may express their objection before the activity concludes. Once this period has passed, the recognition will be final and cannot be modified or removed.

2. For the recognition of credits from university activities in undergraduate studies, in accordance with Article 9.3 of the Regulation, each activity will have the same credit equivalence across all university faculties. Recognition will be limited to activities completed while the student is enrolled in the degree program where the recognition is to be applied. Such recognition may only be applied once and to a single degree.

3. In the case of credit recognition for activities that involve acquiring transversal competencies, in accordance with Article 10 of the Regulation, the activity's call for participation will specify the degrees in which recognition can be requested. However, due to their transversal nature, their application will not be limited to a single instance or a single degree.

4. In cases where the study plan is modified, it will be considered the same degree. In the case of simultaneous degree programs, elective credits may be allocated to the degree(s) specified in the activity's call for participation, provided the student is enrolled in the relevant degrees during the applicable period. Otherwise, the provisions of the Rector's Resolution of July 31, 2020, regulating the division of academic transcripts in dual-degree programs, will apply.

Fifth. Payment of public fees

Each activity's call for participation will determine whether the recognition of credits is subject to the payment of public fees.

Sixth. Retroactive application of ECTS credit recognition

After the entry into force of the Regulation on credit recognition and transfer for official undergraduate and master's degree studies at the University of Santiago de Compostela, interested individuals may request the incorporation of ECTS credits into their academic transcript, within the limits established by the aforementioned regulation and this resolution, provided the request is made before the corresponding degree is issued.

In Santiago de Compostela, on the date of electronic signature

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The Rector

ANNEX I

I. Recognition of credits for student representation activities

1. Participation in student representation activities may be recognized as credits in undergraduate programs.

Periods of less than one year will not be considered, except in cases where multiple periods can be accumulated due to holding representative positions at different times.

2. Student representation activities include participation as a student representative in the Senate, Governing Council, Department or Institute Councils, Student Council, Faculty Board, or any other body involving a similar representative function.

3. In undergraduate programs, a maximum of 4 ECTS per year may be recognized, depending on the specific activity:

a) Student representative in the Senate – 1 ECTS per year

b) Student representative in the Governing Council – 2 ECTS per year

c) Student representative in the Student Council – 1 ECTS per year

d) Student representative in the Department Council, Institute, or Faculty Board – 1 ECTS per year

e) Other representative responsibilities in statutorily recognized student participation bodies or those determined by the university – 1 ECTS per year

4. The official certificate accrediting these student representation activities will be issued by the General Secretariat upon request by the interested party.

II. Recognition of credits for participation in sports and sports-related training activities

1. Undergraduate students may obtain credit recognition for participation in physical-sports activities and training in the sports field, supervised by the USC Sports Area.

2. Specifically, student participation in physical-sports and training activities may be recognized as follows:

1. In physical-sports schools: from 1 to 4 ECTS per activity and academic year.

2. In sports competitions:

a. 6 ECTS for High-Level Athletes/Coaches or Technicians/Referees or Judges of USC per academic year.

b. 4 ECTS for participation in an international university or federated competition.

c. 2 ECTS for participation in an official national university or federated competition.

d. 1 ECTS for competitions authorized by the USC's responsible authority for

sports (in USC's own competitions, credit accumulation is possible by adding hours from different academic years and competitions).

For the purposes of sports competitions, the term "participant" includes athletes, coaches or technicians, and referees or judges.

3. In activities for the promotion of USC's physical-sports activities: 3 ECTS per academic year.
4. In sports-related training activities: up to 2 ECTS per academic year.

3. The certification of these activities will be issued by the USC's designated authority for sports.

III. Recognition of credits for participation in cultural activities

1. Undergraduate students may receive credit recognition for participation in cultural activities supervised by the USC Culture Area.

2. Specifically, student participation in cultural activities may be recognized as follows:

a) **Theater Group**: 6 ECTS for at least 150 hours of dedication per academic year.

b) **University Choir and Orchestra**: 4 ECTS for at least 100 hours of dedication per academic year.

c) **Dance Space**: 2 ECTS for every 50 hours of dedication per academic year.

d) **Cultural training courses organized by the Culture Area**: 1 ECTS for each 25-hour completed course.

e) **Sociocultural activity facilitators**: 3 ECTS per academic year for the development of facilitation work for sociocultural activities promoted by the competent vice-rectorate.

f) **Summer courses organized by public universities**: 1 ECTS for accredited attendance at summer courses of less than 25 hours at USC; 2 ECTS for accredited attendance at summer courses of 25 hours or more organized by USC or public universities, in reciprocity.

g) **Other cultural activities**: 1 ECTS for each 25 hours of attendance and participation in musical, theatrical, and other cultural activities promoted or authorized by the competent vice-rectorate. The maximum recognition per activity will be 3 ECTS.

h) **Short-duration cultural activities**: ECTS credits may be recognized for cumulative attendance and participation in short-duration cultural activities through the use of the Cultural Passport. The characteristics and conditions of use of the Cultural Passport will be defined in its development regulations.

3. The accreditation of these activities will be the responsibility of the competent vice-rectorate in cultural matters.

IV. Recognition of credits for participation in solidarity and cooperation activities

1. Optional credits may be recognized for undergraduate students who participate in solidarity activities organized and supervised by the USC Service for Participation and University Inclusion (SEPIU).

2. Specifically, the following activities are eligible for recognition:

a) **Social Participation and Volunteering Activities:** 1 ECTS for each 25 hours of collaboration.

b) **Awareness and Training Activities organized through SEPIU by the Vice-Rectorate with responsibilities in Students:** 1 ECTS for each 25 hours of participation.

c) **Tutor Program:** 6 ECTS for completing the entire program.

d) **STEMbach Mentoring Program:** 1.5 ECTS per academic year, up to a maximum of 6 ECTS, according to the terms established in the Collaboration Agreement between the Ministry of Culture, Education, Vocational Training, and Universities and the University of Santiago de Compostela for the development of the STEM Excellence Baccalaureate (STEMbach).

3. Additionally, the completion of university participation and training activities in the field of international cooperation may be recognized with up to 6 ECTS.

4. The accreditation for these activities will be issued by the competent vice-rectorate.

ANNEX II.

I. Recognition of activities that involve the acquisition of informational competencies

1. Credits may be recognized in undergraduate degrees for the acquisition of competencies in training through courses established by the University at the proposal of the University Library.

2. The training activities must last for at least 25 hours, corresponding to 1 ECTS per course.

For these purposes, two levels are distinguished, completely independent of each other, and the absence of the first does not prevent enrollment in the second:

a) **Initial or Basic Level:** aimed at students in the first years of their degree.

b) **Intermediate or Advanced Level:** aimed at students in the last years of their degree.

3. Accreditation of the completion of these courses will be issued by the University Library.

II. Recognition of credits for accreditation of knowledge of the Galician language

1. Credits may be recognized in undergraduate degrees for the accreditation of knowledge of the Galician language, up to a maximum of 6 ECTS.

Higher-level certificates of a language will always subsume lower-level certificates of the same language, so it will not be possible to recognize a lower-level certificate if a higher one has already been recognized. Similarly, accreditation of a higher level than

that already recognized will only entitle the student to recognition for the difference in credits that may correspond, with a limit of 6 ECTS.

2. In the case of students who did not complete their pre-university studies in Galicia, the following recognition may apply:

- a) **Level A2 (Celga 1):** 3 ECTS.
- b) **Level B1 (Celga 2):** 4 ECTS.
- c) **Level B2 (Celga 3):** 5 ECTS.
- d) **Levels C1 and C2 (Celga 4 and Celga 5):** 6 ECTS.

3. Knowledge of the Galician language referred to in the previous section will be accredited through certificates that attest to:

- a) The completion of linguistic proficiency exams organized by the Center for Modern Languages (CLM) of the USC.
- b) The completion of Galician language training activities organized by the CLM of the USC that accredit a complete level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- c) The completion of the Celga exam organized by the Xunta de Galicia.

4. USC students who participate in training activities organized by the Language Normalization Service (SNL) with a teaching load of 25 hours may recognize **1 ECTS per course**. The accreditation of these activities will be issued by the vice-rectorate responsible for language normalization.

III. Recognition of credits for accreditation of competencies in foreign languages, Spanish co-official languages other than Galician, and sign languages

1. Credits may be recognized in undergraduate studies for the accreditation of competencies in foreign languages and Spanish co-official languages other than Galician.

Certificates of higher levels in a language will always subsume lower-level certificates of the same language, meaning that a lower-level certificate cannot be recognized if a higher one has already been recognized. Similarly, accreditation of a higher level than that already recognized will only entitle recognition for the difference in credits that may correspond, with a limit of **6 ECTS per language**.

2. Foreign languages and Spanish co-official languages other than Galician may be recognized according to the following levels:

- a) **Level B1:** 3 ECTS
- b) **Level B2:** 4 ECTS
- c) **Level C1:** 5 ECTS
- d) **Level C2:** 6 ECTS

3. The interested person may not request credit recognition for foreign languages or Spanish co-official languages other than Galician that are considered their mother tongue or official language of their nationality.

4. The level of knowledge of the foreign language will be accredited through:

a) The completion of language proficiency tests and Spanish as a foreign language (ELE) exams organized by the CLM.

b) The completion of language training activities organized by the CLM that accredit a complete level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

c) Documentary accreditation of completion of levels that include skills in comprehension and written and oral expression corresponding to the CEFR level, issued by other public universities in Spain, universities in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), official language schools (EOI), official linguistic centers, and bodies recognized by the language commissions of the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) and the Association of Language Centers of Spanish Universities (ACLES). If the certification confirms different levels, the minimum accredited level in the skills will be recognized, regardless of the global level stated in the document.

5. Other language training activities organized by the CLM will be recognized with 1 ECTS per 25 hours, up to a maximum of 6 ECTS, as long as they concern languages not already recognized in the individual's academic record.

6. The recognition of sign language competencies will be governed by the provisions of this article, without prejudice to the possibility of accrediting knowledge through a certificate issued by an official entity or by an entity with which the USC formalizes an agreement. In such cases, recognition will require prior approval from the CLM or SEPIU.

IV. Recognition of credits for participation in gender training activities

1. Credits may be recognized for undergraduate students who participate in training activities promoted and supervised by the Gender Equality Office (OIX) of the USC.

2. Training related to the subjects within the competence of the aforementioned Office, including topics such as equality, non-discrimination, gender-based violence, diversity, sexual assaults, sexual harassment, and harassment based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression, will be eligible for recognition.

3. The accreditation of these activities will be issued by the person with responsibilities for gender equality at the USC.

V. Recognition of other transversal credits

1. Transversal credits may be recognized in undergraduate degrees for courses and training activities promoted by USC centers linked to the degree for which they are offered, and that fall within the following areas:

- a) Job search.
- b) Entrepreneurship.
- c) Knowledge of the professional and labor environment.
- d) Ethical aspects of professional practice.
- e) Transversal competencies within a broad area of knowledge.

2. For recognition, the proposing centers of these activities must justify a structured program, students must be monitored by the center's responsible persons, and they must pass a learning assessment. These activities include courses, seminars, and workshops, as long as they comply with the provisions of the third point, regarding workload and credit equivalency.

ANNEX III. Recognition of credits for participation in training activities within the EUniWell Alliance

- 1. Undergraduate or master's degree students may have credits recognized for participating in training activities within the EUniWell Alliance.
- 2. These activities include courses, summer courses, seminars, and workshops.
- 3. The accreditation for these activities will be issued by the vice-rectorate responsible for internationalization.

