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To whom it may concern:

This document describes an equivalence between the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and the system of credits adopted at the Universidade Federal de Viçosa, (UFV,Brazil).

In Brazil, there is no general credit system accepted throughout the whole country. Each higher education institution has its own system. The credits are usually associated only with time spent with lectures, not with the total workload necessary for a course. At UFV, **1 credit means 15 hours of lectures.**

In order to define a proper equivalence to the ECTS system, we may consider that 1 UFV credit refers to 35 hours of workload. At UFV, a typical semester of classes may comprise **24 credits**. It means that the total workload is **24x350=840 hours**. It is roughly equivalent to **30 ECTS credits, if 1 ECTS credit means 28 hours (30x28=840).**

So, the following equivalence may be considered:

1 academic semester = 30 ECTS credits = 24 UFV credits

Yours faithfully,


Diretor de Relações Internacionais

