French to American Grade Conversion Scale

The grading scale in France is 0 - 20 with 20 as the highest possible grade. No one ever receives a 20. Grades above 16 are rare. A grade of 10 is the minimum passing grade (D).

The Office of the Registrar at Morris works regularly with the French grading scale of 0 - 20. At the end of your period studying abroad—prior to your departure for home—you must request that an **official** transcript be sent to them at this address¹:

Office of the Registrar University of Minnesota, Morris 212 Behmler Hall 600 East Fourth Street Morris, Minnesota 56267 USA

Once the Office of the Registrar receives your official transcript, they will convert your French grade to the American A-F system using the following grade conversion chart.

French Grade	UMM Equivalent
15-20	A
14.5-14.99	A-
14.0-14.49	B+
13.5-13.99	В
13.0-13.49	B-
12.0-12.99	C+
11.5-11.99	С
11.0-11.49	C-
10.5-10.99	D+
10.0-10.49	D
<10	F
ABJ (Absence justifiée) ²	F
ABI (Absence injustifiée) ²	F

Some distinctions (Mentions) are awarded to top students:

Mention	Percentile
Assez Bien ("rather good") – "Honors"	10 to 15% of students
Bien ("good") – "High Honors"	5% of students
Très Bien ("very good") – "Highest Honors"	1-2% of students

¹ Students on the July in Paris program do not need to request that their official transcripts be sent to the Office of the Registrar. The Sorbonne will send your grades to the faculty member leading the program, who will use this chart to convert your grade into an American A-F system. The faculty leader is responsible for submitting your grades to the Office of the Registrar.

² ABJ and ABI are grades given to students who miss their final exams. They considered failing grades in France and at UMM.