



## South African Grading Scales for Secondary and Tertiary Level Education

### Secondary Grading Scales:

South Africa	United States
7 – 80 to 100%	A 90-100%
6 – 70-79%	B+/A- 85-89%
5 – 60-69%	B 80-84%
4 – 50-59%	C 70-79%
3 – 40-49%	D 60-69%
2 – 33.3 to 39%	F

### Tertiary or post-secondary Grading Scales

South Africa	United States
75-100% First Class Distinction	A
70-74% Second Class – Division 1	A-/B+
60-69% Second Class – Division 2	B
50-59% Third Class	B-/C+
0-49% Fail	F

NB: The South African grading system is extremely stringent, with only a few students obtaining 'A' marks or distinctions.

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