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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 Ouro Preto (UFOP, 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 UFOP, **1 credit means 15 hours of lectures.**

In order to define a proper equivalence to the ECTS system, we may consider that 1 UFOP credit refers to 35 hours of workload. At UFOP, a typical semester of classes may comprise **between 20 and 25 credits**. 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 UFOP credit = 1,5 ECTS credit

Yours faithfully,

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