The Documents

Below, I provide three documents. The first is a letter by the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC Amsterdam) with attached the transcript of records, listing all the marks I received during the current (first) semester. Since the Dutch grading system includes often many marks, such as homework and mid-term exams, that are not uploaded in the pre-compiled transcript until the the final exam has been graded, this table provides far more detail than the official records. This has a particular impact on me, as I am currently planning to complete the Master of Logic within one year—a timeframe that, according to faculty members I have spoken with, appears to be unprecedented in the history of the programme, which is normally completed in two years.

> *To ensure the official validity of the table & letter below, it has been signed by the Programme Director of the Master of Logic Dr. Nick Bezhanishvili.*

Finally, a conversion table from Dutch grades to GPA from the University of Amsterdam is provided.

The Dutch Grading System

On paper, lowest mark is 1 and the highest is 10, though the highest two marks (from 8 to 10) are generally considered not on a linear scale or, in some cases, above 100% or unreachable. The unwritten rule for courses in Philosophy is that 9 is the highest mark and it is given, on average, to not more than to one student per course. Hence, the minimum average required to obtain honours is set at 8.0 (Section 5.2: source) and any grade above 8.5 corresponds to A+, and hence to GPA 4.0 (the conversion table can be found below).

Updated on the 10th of December[1]:

Average:	8.84036
Corresponding GPA:	A+ / 4.0
Total Amount of Credits:	120 (regularly: 2 years)
Time Spent on the Degree:	1 year (09.2024 - 08.2025)
Completed Credits:	83
Completion of the Degree:	69%

In case there is any difficulty in certifying the validity of the following document, you can contact directly the secretary of the ILLC Amsterdam: Tuğba Altin, t.altin@uva.nl, or the Programme Director of the Master of Logic Dr. Nick Bezhanishvili at msc-logic@uva.nl.

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[0]An updated version of each files uploaded for the application is made available here: https://horreum.pages.dev/1.-Active–and–Works/Academic-Diary/2024/Attachments-to-PhD-Applications

[1]The number in the row *Completion of the Degree* denotes the amount of credits I will obtain by the end of this semester divided by with the total amount of credits of the Master of Logic. This number differs from the *Completion* column of the table which denotes the weight that the average reported will have on the final mark of the course.

The Institute for Logic, Language and Computation
Master of Logic

To whom it may concern

Date	**Contact person**	**Phone**
12 December 2024	T. Altin	-
Our reference	**Email**	**Attachments**
MoL-24-12	mol-illc@uva.nl	1

Subject
Letter of confirmation for Simone Testino

Dear Sir, Madam,

I hereby confirm that Simone Testino, born on 1 July 2003 in Genoa, Italy, will graduate from the Master of Logic programme at the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC) of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) in the summer of 2025.

The Master of Logic is a two year (4 semesters, 24 month, 120 EC) programme consisting of courses and research projects, ending with the writing of a 30 EC research thesis. After successful completion of all required elements the student will be rewarded a Master of Science degree in Logic.

Mr. Testino is on track to finish the Master of Logic in one year, meaning he will graduate by August 2025 if all goes according to plan. According to his academic mentor, dr. Tom Schoonen: "As he is taking more courses than usual, not all of his grades are currently registered, but he is on course to finish enough courses to complete the required number of ECT in order to write a thesis in the Spring semester and graduate by the summer."

I hope to have given you sufficient information. If you do have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at mol-illc@uva.nl.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Bezhanishvili
Programme director of the MSc Logic
University of Amsterdam

Name of the Course	Total Amount of Credits	Completion of the Course	Average
Meaning Reference and Modality	6	100%	8.5
Philosophy of Science	6	100%	9.0
Knoweldge, Represetation and Reasoning	6	100%	7.5
Mathematical Proof Methods in Logic	6	100%	8.5
Category Theory	8	20%	9.9
Introduction to Modal Logic	6	50%	7.9
Logic, Language and Computation	3	100%	-
Philosophy of Logic	6	0%	-
Dynamic Epistemic Logic	6	20%	10.0
Proof Theory	6	24%	9.1
Philosophy of Cognition	6	0%	-
Research Project: Categorical Foundations of Structuralism	12	40%	-
Research Project: Forcing	6	0%	-
Weighted Average			**8.84036**
Average Completion		**50%**	
Sum of Credits	**83**		

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Academic Transcript

S. Testino

Date of issue:	3 December 2024

Place of birth:	Genoa, Italy
Date of birth:	1 July 2003
UvA student number:	15416445
Programme:	Master Logic
Enrolment Period:	1 September 2024 -

Catalogue number	Level	Course description	Credits	Examination date	Grade
5354PHSC6Y	Master	Philosophy of Science	6	21-10-2024	9.0
5204KNRR6Y	Master	Knowledge Representation and Reasoning	6	22-10-2024	7.5
5314MPMF6Y	Master	Mathematical Proof Methods for Logic	6	23-10-2024	8.5

The total earned credits conform ECTS: 18

The GPA based on the above results is: 8.33

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Grading scheme

UvA Grades	UvA Letter	Grade point	UvA Descriptive grade	Grade point	UK Letter*	US Letter*
9.0 - 10.0	A+	9.5	Excellent	9.0	A+	A+
8.5 - 8.9	A	8.5			A	
8.3 - 8.4			Good	8.0		A
8.0 - 8.2	A-	8.0				
7.8 - 7.9					A-	
7.5 - 7.7	B+	7.5	Satisfactory	7.0	B	B+
7.3 - 7.4						
7.0 - 7.2	B	7.1				
6.7 - 6.9	B-	6.8			C	B
6.5 - 6.6	C+	6.5				
6.4			Sufficient	6.0	D	C
6.0 - 6.3	C	6.0				
5.5 - 5.9					E	D
4.6 - 5.4	D	5.0	Fail	4.0	F	F
1.0 - 4.5	F	4.0				

* The given conversion scheme is suggested for broad orientation purposes only. For more information on the Dutch grading culture in comparison to other cultures, please consult www.nuffic.nl.

Credit system and marking

A student's workload (both contact hours, and hours spent studying and preparing assignments) is measured in ECTS credits, whereby under Dutch law one credit represents 28 hours of work and 60 credits represents one year of full-time study.

The marking system has been the same for several decades: the scale is from 1 (very poor) to 10 (outstanding). The lowest pass mark is 6. The mark 9 is seldom awarded, and the highest pass mark 10 is extremely rare. Decimal values may be used (e.g. 7.8).