

INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIAL GUIDEBOOK

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Guidelines for Colorado State University faculty and staff to assist in the evaluation and recognition of degrees awarded worldwide. These Guidelines are solely for Colorado State University.

Following are guidelines for interpreting foreign educational credentials for the placement of holders of these credentials into Colorado State graduate programs. These are GENERAL guidelines for admission and placement based on institutional policies, placement recommendations from NAFSA (Association of International Educators), prevailing opinion from colleagues at similar universities and experience of credential evaluators.

DISCLAIMER

These recommendations are not directives or judgments about the quality of programs and schools. They are an attempt to apply the same standards for a foreign applicant as for a U. S. applicant with a similar educational background. Please remember that educational systems change quickly and every endeavor will be made to keep this article current.

SOURCESⁱⁱⁱ

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HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION

Language: This guidebook gives the languages of the country. A separate list has been compiled and given to departments stating which applicants presently can be considered for exemption from taking the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test.

Degrees: Degrees listed are not all the degrees offered, they are degrees most often procured by the applicants applying to this university.

Grading: In general, the minimum acceptable grade for an applicant would be the U.S. equivalent of B or better grade. This recommendation is listed separately for each country and would be for admitting “non-provisionally” (GPA considered 3.0 or higher).

Recommendations: State the minimum required for entering a graduate degree program at Colorado State University.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited.

**** Some Countries may only list the grading scale****

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AFGHANISTAN – Dawlat Islami Afghanistan

Language – Pashto, Dari (Afghan Persian)

Educational System: foreign dominated to Islamic-based system

Degrees: Various diplomas awarded from teacher training colleges

Bachelor’s degree – first university degree, awarded after 4-5 years of tertiary study, can also be known as a Leicanc or Licence.

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – awarded after 5 years of tertiary study

Master’s degree – awarded after six years of tertiary study

Doctor of Medicine (Doctor) – awarded after six years of post-secondary education and one year of internship.

Doctor of Philosophy – awarded after seven years of tertiary study.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A	9.0-10.0	A
80-89	B	8.0-8.9	B
55-79	C	5.0-7.9	C
40-54	C-	3.6-4.9	D
0-39	F	Below 3.5	F

Grades of 8.0 or 80% or better would be considered “B or better” grade.

Recommendations and Comments

War has caused considerable changes in the educational system. Afghani academic credentials should be reviewed carefully for time frame issued. A minimum 4-years tertiary education required.

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ALBANIA – Republic of Albania

Language – Albanian

Educational System – Ministry of Higher Education and Research

Degrees: Diploma of Teacher, a 3-year program, Diplome with Titull requiring the Certificate of Maturity for admission, a 4-6 year program, Diplome of Advanced Studies (replaced the Kandidat), 3 years beyond the Diplome with Titull, Doktor awarded based on dissertation representing advanced research and publications with admission based on Diploma of Advanced Studies.

Grading	Grading	Translation	U. S. Equivalent
Dhjete	10	10	A
Nente	9	9	A
Tete	8	8	B
Shtate	7	7	B
Gjashte	6	6	C
Pese	5	5	C
	0-4	Not Passing	F

Grades of 7 or higher would be considered as “B or better” grades.

Recommendations and Comments

Holders of the Diplome with Titull (title) that are minimum 4-year programs are eligible to be considered for admission to graduate degree programs. The Diplome with Titull is a first degree.

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ARGENTINA – Republica Argentina

Language – Spanish

Educational system – public national, public provincial and private universities

Degrees: Licenciado or titulo de grado, requiring 4-6 years is equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor’s degree

Magister or Maestria – awarded usually after two years of study, equal to a U.S. master’s degree in the same field.

Doctorado – two – six years of study after Licenciado or Titulo de grado

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
10	A	9-10	A
8-9	A	7-8	A
6-7	B	5-6	B
4-5	C	4-4.9	C
1-3	F	2-3	D/F
		0-1	F

Grades of 5 or higher would be considered “B or better” grades.

Recommendations and Comments

Minimum required degree for admission to graduate studies is Licenciado and Titulo
We have admitted with a grade of 6 or higher. Students are given only one transcript.

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ARMENIA – Republic of Armenia

Language – There are six different languages in Armenia including Armenian, Azerbaijani, Russian and Kurmanji.

Educational System – Ministry of Education and Science is the recognition body

Degrees – Professional titles and diplomas, Magistrosi Kochum (master’s degree), Gitutyunneri Teknatsu (Candidate of Science) and Gitutyunneri Doctor (Doctor of Science).

Grading	Numerical	Translation	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
Gerazants					
Ottichno	5	Excellent	A	19-20	A
Lav					
Khorosho	4	Good	B	15-18	B
Bavarar					
Udovietvoritel’no	3	Satisfactory	C	8-14	C
Anbavarar					
Neudovietvoritel’no	2	Unsatisfactory	F	1-7	F
Tapalats	1	Fail	F		

Grades of 4 or higher would be considered “B or better” grades.

Recommendations and Comments

Holders of Diplomas of Specialists and degrees of 5 university years or more could be considered for admission into graduate degree programs.

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AUSTRALIA – Commonwealth of Australia

Language – English

Educational system – 3 sectors; universities, colleges of advanced education (CAEs) and technical/further education institutes (TAFEs). Universities and CAEs provide tertiary degrees (bachelor's and beyond).

Degrees – Bachelor's degrees – first university degree awarded. Length of time varies 2-6 years. Honours degrees are required for admission to a master's degree program. Master's degree, 1-2 years of full time study. Doctor of Philosophy, 2-3 years of full time. Ordinary and Pass degrees are only 3-year degrees

Grading - Several grading scales in Australia. Usually the grading scale is indicated on the transcript.

Grading	Description	Ranking		U.S. Equivalent
7	High Distinctions	85% - 100%	80% - 100%	A
6	Distinction	75% - 84%	70% - 79%	A
5	Credit	65% - 74%	60% - 69%	B
4	Pass	50% - 64%	50% - 59%	C
3	Conceded	Pass		D
1-2	Failure			F

Recommendations and Comments

The Bachelor's degree of at least 4 years is the minimum requirement for graduate student. Master's and doctorate level work may be considered equivalent on a case-by-case basis.

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AUSTRIA – Republik Österreich

Language – German

Educational System – Higher education is offered through universities, technical universities, academies and colleges. The Federal Ministry for Science and Transportation is the recognition body.

Degrees – Magister is the first university degree awarded after 4 or 5 years of study, the diplom-ingenieur is awarded after 4 or 5 years of study, the diplomierter of _____(title) is awarded about two years after the diplom-ingenieur and the doctor is awarded after two to four semesters beyond the magister or diplom-ingenieur.

Grading	Numerical	Translation	U. S. Equivalent
Sehr Gut	1	Very Good	A
Gut	2	Good	B
Befriedigend	3	Satisfactory	C+
Genugend	4	Sufficient	C
Nicht Genugend	5	Insufficient	F

Grades of Gut are considered “B or better” grades.

Recommendation and Comments

The magister or the diplom-Ingenieur is the minimum required to enter a graduate program.

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AZERBAIJAN

Grading	Numerical	Translation	Percentage	U.S. Equivalent
ə'la	5	Excellent	90-100	A
Yaxsi	4	Good	70-89	B
Kfai	3	Satisfactory	60-69	C
Meqbul		Passed		P
Qeyri-Meqbul		Not Passed		F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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BAHRAIN – State of Bahrain

Language – Arabic

Educational System – Ministry of Education

Degrees – Bachelor degree, Postgraduate diploma in education, Master of Education in Science Education and Degree of Medical Doctor.

Grading	Points	Description	U.S. Equivalency
90-100	5	Excellent	A
80-89	4	Very Good	B
70-79	3	Good	C
60-69	2	Pass	D
Less than 60	1	Fail	F

Grades of 80 % or 4 or higher are considered “B or better” grades.

The Arabian Gulf University is in most areas of study, on a 5-point system. To figure the GPA on a 5-point system, take the cumulative GPA x 4 and divide it by 5. This will give you the GPA on a 4-point system.

Recommendations and Comments

Holders of bachelor’s degrees may be considered for graduate admission. The degree of medical doctor may be considered for graduate admission and may be considered comparable to a first professional degree in medicine in the U.S. The postgraduate diploma in education represents one year of graduate coursework and possible graduate credit. The Master of Education in Science may be considered comparable to a U.S. master’s degree if a minimum of 2 years.

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BANGLADESH – People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Language: Bangla (official, or called Bengali), English

Educational system: Based on the English system. Bangla is the medium of instructions at all levels of education; however, English is widely used at the higher level. Degrees are awarded with a ranking.

Degree: The combined bachelor’s and master’s degrees are considered equivalent to the U. S. bachelor’s degree. The Master’s degree is the minimum qualification for graduate admission with no advanced standing. Exception to this would be the Bachelor’s of Engineering and Bachelor’s of Technology.

Secondary

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
60-100	First Division	A
45-59	Second Division	B
33-44	Third Pas Division	C
0-32		F

Postsecondary

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
60-100	First Division	A
45-59	Second Division	B
33-44	Third (pass) Division	C
0-32		F

Postsecondary Engineering

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
60-100	First Division	A
50-59	Second Division	B
40-49	Third Pass Division	C
0-39		F

Recommendations and Comments

The Bachelor of technology; the bachelor of Engineering or a combined bachelor’s/master’s degree is the minimum required degree to enter a graduate program. Since 1999 the system has been discussed to make all bachelor’s degrees 4-years in the public system. The bachelor’s degree programs at private universities have always been four years.

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BARBADOS

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
A+	90-100	4.0
A	80-89	4
B+	75-79	3.5
B	65-79	3
C+	65-69	2.5
C	60-64	2
D	50-59	1
F	0-49	0

University of West Indies

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
A+	86-100	4.3
A	70-85	4.0
A-	67-69	3.7
B+	63-66	3.3
B	60-62	3.0
B-	57-59	2.7
C+	53-56	2.3
C	50-52	2.0
C-	47-49	1.7
D+	43-46	1.3
D	40-42	1.0
F	0-39	0

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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BELARUS – Republic of Belarus

Language – Belarusian

Educational System – There are universities, polytechnics and academies. There is a Ministry of Higher Education and a National Higher Certification Board

Degrees – Diploma of Higher Education, Diploma of Specialist, Master’s Diploma and Candidate of Sciences.

Grading	Numerical	Translation	U. S. Equivalent
Vydatna	5	Excellent	A
Dobra	4	Good	B
Zdavel’njajucha	3	Satisfactory	C
Nezdaval’njajucha	Pass	Pass	Pass
Zalik	2	Unsatisfactory	F

Grades of Dobra or Good or higher are considered “B or better” grades. The grade zalik is a passing grade for all courses requiring more than one semester of study, for all elective courses, and for laboratory and practical courses.

Recommendations and Comments

The Diploma requiring 4 or more years of university education is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate degree program.

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BELGIUM – Royaume de Belgique-Koningrijk van Belgie

Languages – Dutch 58%, French 32%, German

Educational system: There are public and private institutions, all of which are financially supported by the state. Language of instruction is French or Dutch. Education takes place in cycles, which lead to a degree.

Degrees:

First Cycle – Candidature/Kandidatuur represent 2 years of study and is not a final credential.

Second Cycle – Licence/Licentie two additional years. Considered comparable to a U.S. Bachelor's degree.

Third Cycle – Doctorat/Doctoraat: one additional year after a second cycle degree is required by law but usually takes 3-r years. Doctoral studies are pursued only by the very best second cycle graduates.

Grading	Numerical	Percentage	U.S. Equivalent
Plus Grande Distinction	18-20	90-100	A+
Grande Distinction	16-17.99	80-89	A
Distinction	14-15.99	70-79	B
Satisfaction	12-13.99	60-69	C
	10-11.9		
	0-9.99		F

Grades of Distinction or 14 or higher are considered “B or better” grades.

Recommendations and Comments

The licence/licentie is the minimum required to enter a graduate program.

Third cycle may be considered for transfer credit. Maitrise is complimentary credential requiring 1-3 years of study after the Licence. The 3-year candidat is not acceptable.

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BELIZE

Language – English (official), Creole, Spanish, Garifuna, Mayan

Educational system: largely based on the U.S. model

Degrees

Bachelor degree is the highest academic degree available in Belize.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U.S. Equivalent
A	4.0	Excellent	A
B+	3.5	Very Good	B+
B	3.0	Good	B
C+	2.5	Satisfactory	C+
C	2.0	Average	C
D+	1.5	Below Average	D+
D	1.0	Unsatisfactory	D
F	0.0	Failure	F

Grades of B or Good are considered “B or better” grades.

Recommendations and Comments

The minimum requirement to enter a graduate program is the bachelor’s degree

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BOLIVIA

Language – Spanish, Quechua, Aymara (all official)

Educational system – There are universities and technical universities. Entrance to a university requires the completion of the tecnico or the bachiller en humanidades, representing 12 years of education.

Degree – tecnico superior – awarded after 3-4 years of tertiary study

Licenciado – awarded in different fields after variable years of tertiary study

Maestria – awarded after two additional years of study beyond the 4-year licenciado

Grading	Numerical	Translation	U.S. Equivalent
Sobresaliente	90-100	Outstanding	A
Distinguido	77-89	Distinguished	A-/B+
Bueno	64-76	Good	B
Suficiente	51-63	Adequate	C
Reprobado	0-50	Failure	F

Recommendations and Comments

The licenciado is the minimum requirement for consideration for graduate admission. Tecnico programs lasting four years are not sufficient for admission to graduate programs. The Maestria is considered equal to a U.S. master's degree.

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BRAZIL – Republica Federativa de Brazil

Language – Portuguese

Educational system – There are three kinds of institutions of higher education in Brazil; federal universities, state universities and private universities. Public universities are better funded than private universities.

Degrees – The Bacharel is 4-5 years, the mestre or mestrado is 1-2 years after bacharel and is considered equal to a U.S. Master’s degree and the Doutor is completed two years beyond the mestre and may be comparable to a U.S. doctoral degree. The bacharel is considered the more prestigious of the undergraduate degrees. The Engenharia is usually a min. of 4 years. There are also licenciados or titulos (professional title such as engineer).

Grading	Numerical	Description	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	9-10	Excellent	A
75-89	7-8.9	Good	B
60-74	5-6.9	Average	C
Below 50	Below 5	Fail	F

Grades of 7, Good, or higher may be considered “B or better” grades.

Class ranking is very important; this class rank is often noted in letters of recommendation from professors.

Recommendations and Comments

The bacharel, licenciado or titulo requiring 4 or more years of study is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program. Universities will not send the documents directly, the student must do that.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

BULGARIA – Narodna Republika Bulgariya

Language – Bulgarian

Educational System – Government control over institutions of higher education in Bulgaria ended in 1990 so universities establish their own criteria for admission and graduation.

Degrees: Diploma of specialist awarded upon completion of 4-5 years of tertiary study, candidate of Sciences awarded after 3 years of study beyond the specialist diplom and doctor (doctorate), warded after three years of study beyond the kandidat.

Grading	Numerical	Translation	U.S. Equivalent
Otlichen	5.50 – 6.00	Excellent	A
Mnogo dobur	4.50 – 5.49	Very Good	A
Dobur	3.5 – 4.49	Good	B
Sreden	3.00 – 3.49	Satisfactory	C

Grades of Dobur, Good, or higher may be considered “B or better” grades.

Recommendations and Comments

The 4-year diplom is the minimum requirement for entering a graduate degree program. The Kandidat na naukite is considered more than a U.S. master’s degree but less than a U.S. Ph.D.

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CAMBODIA

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
8.5-10	Excellent	A
8-8.4	Very Good	B+
7-7.9	Good	B
6.5-6.9	Fairly Good	C+
5-6.4	Fair	C
4.5-4.9	Poor	D
4.0-4.4	Very Poor (Fail)	F
0-3.9	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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CAMEROON – Republique du Cameroun

Languages: French and English (both official)

Educational system: There is a dual educational system due to British and French influences, 4/5ths follow the French system. You need the General Certificate of Education or the Baccalaureat to enter into higher education.

Degrees: These are the minimum degrees required for graduate admission:

Diplome d'Etudes Superieures Diplome d'Ingenieur Agronomes

Certificat d'aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Secondaire (CAPES)

Diplome d'Administration des Entreprises

Certificat d'aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Technique (CAPET)

Diplome d'Ingenieur de Conception

Diplome de l'Institut des Relations Internationales de Cameroun

Maitrise

Doctorat en Medecine

Doctorat de Troisieme Cycle

Grading	Numerical	Description	U.S. Equivalent
Tres Bien	16-20	Very Good	A
Bien	14-15	Good	B+
Assez Bien	12-13	Quite Good	B-
Passable	10-11	Pass	C
Ajourne	0-9	Fail	F

Recommendations and Comments

A degree of a minimum of four years of tertiary study is required for entering a graduate program.

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CANADA

Language – English is the language of all provinces except Quebec and it is French, so TOEFL IS required from Quebec.

Educational system – The system varies from province to province. See Recommendations below.

Degrees – please check each Province

Alberta – a 4-year bachelor's is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

British Columbia – a 4-year bachelor's is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

Manitoba – a 4-year bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

New Brunswick – a 4-year bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

Newfoundland – A bachelor's degree issued after 1983 is the minimum requirement, 1983 and before would require a 4-year bachelor's degree

Nova Scotia – A 4-year bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

Ontario – a 4-year bachelor's is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

Prince Edward Island – The bachelor's degree (pass) and (honours) is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

Quebec – a bachelier or bachelor's degree is sufficient to enter a graduate program

Saskatchewan – a 4-year bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program

Please note: the provinces vary, as stated above, in some, the 3-year bachelor's is sufficient, in others, the minimum requirement is the 4-year bachelor's degree.

Grading varies from province to province and grading scale is shown on the back of the transcript. Grading scales listed below for various provinces.

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PROVINCES

Alberta

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
65-79	B
50-64	C
40-49	D
30-39	F

British Columbia

Grading	U.S Equivalent
A+	A
A	A
A-	A
B+	B
B	B
B-	B
C+	C
C	C
C-	C
P	P
D	D
F	F

Manitoba

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
56-69	C
50-55	D
0-49	F

New Brunswick

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
56-69	C
50-55	D
0-49	F

Newfoundland and Labrador

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
65-70	B
50-64	C
40-49	D
0-39	F

Northwest Territories

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
65-70	B
50-64	C
40-49	D
0-39	F

Nova Scotia

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D
0-49	F

Nunavut

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
65-79	B
50-64	C
0-49	F

Ontario

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
56-69	C
50-55	D
0-49	F

Prince Edward Island

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	F

Quebec

Grading	U.S Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

Saskatchewan

Grading	U.S Equivalent
80-100	A
65-79	B
50-64	C
40-49	D
0-39	F

Yukon

Grading	U.S Equivalent
86-100	A
73-85	B
67-72	C+
60-66	C
50-59	C-
0-49	F

CHILE – Republica de Chile

Language – Spanish

Educational System – Higher education is provided through universities. There are national entrance exams. The recognition body is Ministerio de Educacion.

Degrees – Licenciado and professional titles (titulo), magister and doctorado.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U. S. Equivalent
Muy Bueno	6-7	Very Good	A
Bueno	5-5.9	Good	B
Suficiente	4-4.9	Satisfactory	C
Insuficiente	0-3.9	Fail	F

Or

Grading	Numerical	Description
Sobresaliente	10	Excellent
Distinguido	8-9	Very Good
Bueno	6-7	Good
Aprobado	4-5	Passing
No Satisfactorio	2-3	Unsatisfactory
Aplazado/ Reprobado	0-1	Failure

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants with completion of a degree of at least four years of study may be considered for graduate admission. The magister may possibly be considered equivalent to a U.S. master's degree. Student can get more than one document, however it is very expensive.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

CHINA – People’s Republic of China

Language – Mandarin, plus local dialects

Educational System – China started to formally issue a bachelor’s degree in 1982 and masters and doctoral degrees in 1981. Degrees issued are very similar to those in the U.S.

Degrees

Bachelors take 4-5 years, master’s degree approx. 3 years plus thesis, doctoral requires usually 3 years beyond the MA/MS as well as dissertation.

Four Point Scale without D Grade

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
85-100	A
75-84	B
60-74	C
0-59	F

Five Point Scale with D Grade

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

If grading scale is not available on the transcript default to the five point scale.

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor’s degree is considered the minimum degree required to enter a graduate program. Holders of 3-year diploma programs should not be considered. You should always have a separate degree statement in Chinese and translation

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

COLOMBIA – Republica de Colombia

Language – Spanish

Educational System – This country has established traditional universities, usually modeled on the traditional universities of Europe.

Degrees

Licenciado is the most common degree and is a 4-year degree. Titulos of 4-years are also issued in specific areas of study with professional titles and are considered equal. Magister, magister scientiae, maestria or master's degree are equal to U.S. master's degrees.

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
4.6-5.00 (Rarely Given)	A+
4.0-4.59	A
3.5-3.99	B
3.0-3.49	C
0.0-2.9	F

Recommendations and Comments

A 4-year licenciado or titulo or first university degree that is a minimum of 8 semesters is the requirement to enter a graduate program. The Magister or maestria that is awarded 2-years after the licenciado or titulo is considered equal to a U.S. master's degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

CONGO

Grading	Numerical	Description	U.S. Equivalent
Tres Bien	16-20	Very Good	A
Bien	14-15	Good	B+
Assez Bien	12-13	Good Enough	B
Passable	10-11	Passing	C
Ajourne	0-9	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Matrise

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Costa Rica

Grade Percentage	Grade Points	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	9-10	A
80-89	8	B
70-79	7	C
0-69	0-6	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachiller Universatrio, or Licenciatura

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CUBA

Grading	Numerical	Description	U.S. Equivalent
Sobresaliente	90-100	Excellent	A
Aprovechado	80-89	Average	B
Aprobado	70-79	Pass	C
Suspenso/ Desaprobado	0-69	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

CYPRUS

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
19-20	Excellent	A
16-18	Very Good	B
13-15	Average	C
10-12	Below Average	D
0-9	Fail	F

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
85-100	Distinction	A
75-84	Credit	B
65-74	Credit	C+
55-64	Pass	C-
50-54	Pass	D
0-49	Fao;	F

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
9-10	A
7-8	B
5-6	C
0-4	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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CZECH REPUBLIC – Ceske Republiky

Languages – Czech

Educational System – In 1989 Communist control ended. Higher education institutions are divided into classical universities; (research programs in humanities, natural and social sciences, etc.); Technical institutions (offering engineering and physical sciences); Agricultural institutions (train agronomists, forestry, horticulture); and schools of economics. There are academies of science, which provide research and training for students with advanced degrees.

Degrees

Before 1991

Absolvent (4-5 years in law, natural sciences, philosophy, journalism and education)

Inzenyr/inzinier (4-5 years in engineering, agriculture or economics)

Akademicky (fine arts degree awarded after 6-years in painting and sculpture) is comparable to a U.S. master's degree.

Doktor (one year of study beyond the absolvent in natural sciences, philosophy, education and social and political science)

Kandidat Ved (awarded upon completion of at least 3 years of independent study beyond the doctor degree) this is comparable to a U.S. doctorate.

Doktor ved (awarded only to distinguished scholars who present original research considered to be a significant contribution to the field, usually 3 years beyond the kandidat ved).

September 1991 and after

Bakatar – first university degree, varying in length from 2-4 years

Magistr/magister – second university degree 1-3 years, totaling 5 years of tertiary education

Doktor – variable length program of advanced study, exams and dissertation, usually 3 years beyond magistr/magister

Grading	Score	Description	U.S. Equivalent
Vborny/Vyborne	1	Excellent	A
Velmi Dobre	2	Very Good	B
Dobre	3	Good	C
Nevyhovel	4-5	Fail	F
Zapocitane		Credit/Pass	Pass

Recommendations and Comments

Completed degree program of at least 4 years is minimum requirement to enter a graduate program. The Magistr is considered equal to a U.S. master's degree if a minimum of 5 years total. The Doktor is comparable to a U.S. doctorate.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

DENMARK – Kongeriget Danmark

Language – Danish. Also Faroese and Greenlandic

Educational System – Higher education is mostly financed by the government. Most are under the Ministry of Education by there also is significant autonomy. There have been quotas for all disciplines in tertiary education based on trends for employment, capacity and geographic distribution. There is a national admissions office that processes applications to all tertiary-level institutions. Access is competitive and very controlled.

Degrees: Examinatus, 2 yr.; Bachelorgraden (first cycle of the kandidatus), 3 yr.; HA handelsvidenskabelig afgangseksamen, 3 yrs.; teknikumingenior/akademilingenior, 3 yrs.; kandidatus a philosophiae, 3 yrs.; kandidatus, 2 yrs. following the bachelorgraden (total approx. 5 years).; civilingenior, 2 yrs. following the teknikumingenior or akademilingenior (total approx. 5 years).; magister, 6 years., PhD. graden, a fairly new degree requiring three years beyond the kandidatus (this used to be know as the licentiatus). The doktorgraden is an research degree and could require up to 10-15 years of tertiary study.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
12	A
10	B
7	B
4	C
2	C-
00	F

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants must have a degree of at least four years of tertiary study to be considered for admission into a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
Excellent	90-100	A
Muy Bueno	80-89	B
Bueno	70-79	C
Deficiente	0-69	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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ECUADOR – Republica del Ecuador

Language – Spanish, there are also Indian languages such as Quechua

Educational System – Educational systems in Latin American are very similar. Holders of the bachillerato (completion of 12 years of primary and secondary education) can access higher education in Ecuador.

Degrees - titulo is a professional title awarded after 2-6 years of university study, licenciado/licenciatura is awarded after 2-6 years of university study, maestro/magister is considered a first-level university degree awarded after 4 years of tertiary study. The doctorado is either awarded after one year of study and thesis beyond the licenciado or sometimes is awarded as a first-level university degree after 5-7 years of tertiary studies.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U.S. Equivalent
Sob Resaliente	10	Excellent	A
Muy Bueno	9	Very Good	A
Bueno	8	Good	B
Regular	7	Average	C
Arrastre	0-6	Fail	F

Please note there is no standard grading system used by universities. A guideline to use: applicants with a minimum acceptable grade average should be in the top 80% of the grading scale.

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants having a program with a minimum of 4 years of university study may be considered for admission into a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

EGYPT – Arab Republic of Egypt

Language – Arabic (official), English and French

Educational system – University history can be traced back to 970 A.D., with the founding of Al-Azhar University in Cairo. Egypt has eleven national universities and admission is based on results of a national examination.

Degrees

Undergraduate degrees are similar to U.S. system: B.S., B.A., B.Eng. B. Tech., M.A., M.S., and Ph.D.

Grading	Descriptive	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	Excellent	A
80-89	Very Good	B+
65-79	Good	B
50-64	Pass	C
35- 49	Weak	D
0-34	Fail	F

Recommendations and Comments

A bachelor's degree is the minimum degree required to enter a graduate program. The master's degree is considered comparable to a U.S. master's degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

EL SALVADOR – Republica de El Salvador

Language – Spanish

Educational System – El Salvador has a high concentration of higher learning institutions, over 38 universities and their regional branches.

Degrees – Licenciado, a first university degree, 5-5-1/2 years.; maestria is awarded usually 2-years after the licenciatura.; doctor/doctorado follows the maestria and requires 3 additional years of study.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
9-10	A
7-8.9	B
6-6.9	C
0-5.9	F

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants who have received the licenciatura/licenciado may be considered for admission to a graduate degree program. The maestria is considered comparable to a U.S. master's degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

ERITREA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
A (4)	A
B (3)	B
C (2)	C
D (1)	D
F (0)	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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ETHIOPIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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FINLAND – Suomen Tasavalta-Republiken Finland

Language – Finnish and Swedish are both official

Educational System – There have been fairly recent overhauls of the higher educational system in Finland so look closely at the number of completed credits of study weeks. You could compare 1.5-2.0 Finnish study weeks to a three-credit course in the U.S. so roughly, students who have completed 120 Finnish study weeks may be considered for graduate study.

Degrees – Kandidatti is a first degree and maisteri is a second degree. There is no direct equivalent to the U.S. bachelor's degree, completion of the lisensiaatti degree can be considered as equivalent.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
3	A
2	B
1	C
0	F

Please note that only passing grades are recorded on the transcripts, if a course is failed it may be retaken until satisfied with the grade.

Recommendations and Comments

The kandidaatti is equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree under the new system. Applicants under the old system would need to have the lisensiaatti or 120 Finnish study weeks to be eligible to be considered for graduate admission.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

FRANCE – Republique Francaise

Language – French

Educational System – Entrance to a university is based on completing the baccalaureate. The universities are advised by many different types of council.

Degrees

DEUG – awarded after two years of university study

Licence – awarded after one year of study beyond the DEUG = 3 years

Maitrise – awarded after one year of study beyond the licence and considered to be equal to a U.S. Bachelor's degree

Diplome d'etudes politiques – awarded by seven Instituts d'Etudes Politiques after three years of study after the baccalaureat. An intense degree is considered to be equal to the U.S. Bachelor's degree.

DEA – awarded after one year of study beyond the maitrise

DESS – awarded after one year of study beyond the maitrise

Diplome d'ingenieur – awarded by 4-year programs in engineering and are comparable to the B.Engineering in the U.S.

Doctorat de Troisieme cycle/doctorat de l'universite – represent training beyond the U.S. master's degree, should be evaluated individually.

Doctorat d'etat – is considered equal to the U.S. Doctoral degree.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U. S. Equivalent
Tres Bien	16-20	Very Good	A
Bien	14-15	Good	A-
Assez Bien	12-13	Fairly Good	B
Passable	10-11	Passing	C
Ajourne	0-9	Fail	F

12 would be the minimum acceptable grade average

Recommendations

The minimum required for admission to graduate studies is the Maitrise, holders of 4-year postsecondary credentials from universities or grand ecoles may be considered for graduate admission.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

Grand Ecoles are very prestigious and entry is very competitive.

Institut National des Sciences Appliquees de Lyon is the largest

HES, Ecole des hautes Etudes Commerciales is the most prestigious

GEORGIA

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
Priadi	10	A
Dzalian	9	B+
Kargi	8	B
Damakmako		
Pilebeli	7	C+
Sakmarisi	6	C
Chaabara	5	D
Chaabara	4	F*
Failure	3	F

*student must retake the subject for a better grade

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

GERMANY – Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Language – German

Educational System – Institutes of higher education consist of universities, technical universities and teacher training colleges.

Degrees

Each degree program is divided into two phases: Basic studies (grundstudium – four semesters) and Main studies (hauptstudium – 2-4 additional semesters).

Degrees earned in science, psychology and social sciences:

Vordiplom – 4 semesters

Diplom – 6-8 semesters

Degrees earned in humanities

Magister Artium – Zwischenprüfung after 4 semesters and Magister atrium after 6-8 semesters

Degrees earned in medicine/pharmacology, law and teaching

Staatsexamin – after 6-8 semesters

Promotion – german doctoral degree which requires 2-4 years beyond the degrees listed above.

Grading	Numerical	Points	Description	U.S. Equivalent
Sehr Gut	1	13-15	Very Good	A
Gut	2	10-12	Good	B
Befriedigend	3	7-9	Satisfactory	C+
Ausreichend	4	4-6	Sufficient	C
Mangelhaft	5	1-3	Deficient	D
Ungenugend		0	Inadequate	F

Recommendations and Comments

The minimum requirement to enter a graduate program is the Diplom from a university. Holders of the Vordiplom plus 1 additional year of study at a German University, high grades, high TOEFL, high GREs, may be considered on a one-on-one basis by the Graduate Dean. Holders of the diplom from a technical university/fachhochschule may be considered on a one-on-one basis by the Graduate Dean, if they are entering the same area of study, have excellent grades, high TOEFL and GRE scores.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

GHANA

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
A	80-100	A
B	70-79	B
C	60-69	C
D	50-59	C
E	40-49	D
F	0-39	F

If scale is not available on transcript default to scale listed above.

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

GREECE – Elliniki Dimokratia

Language – Greek

Educational System – University-level education is offered through public institutions. There are a few private higher education institutes operating but none are “recognized”.

Degrees

Ptychion – 4-years (5-years in engineering) Recent transcripts have called this degree the bachelor’s degree.

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
8.5-10	A
7-8.4	B
5-6.9	C
0-4.9	F

Recommendations and Comments

The Ptychion from a 4-year program in a university-level institution or bachelor’s degree is the minimum required degree to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

GRENADA

Grading		U.S. Equivalent
A	85-100	4.0
A-	80-84	3.67
B+	75-79	3.33
B	70-74	3.0
B-	65-69	2.67
C+	60-64	2.33
C	55-59	2.00
C-	50-54	1.67
D+	45-49	1.33
D	40-44	1.00
F	0-39	0.00

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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GUATEMALA – Republica de Guatemala

Language – Spanish and approximately 21 Indian languages

Educational System – There is one public university and four private universities. The San Carlos de Guatemala/USAC was founded in 1676 and is the oldest university in Central America. There are several 2 and 3-year intermediate degree programs offered. These are called carreras cortas (short programs of study). Most credentials awarded indicate the professional title.

Degrees – licenciado is a first university degree, 4-6 years in length; ingeniero is a first professional degree, 4-6 years; maestria and the doctorado are post-graduate programs.

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
Excelente	91-100	A
Muy Bueno	81-90	B
Bueno	71-80	C
Minimo	61-70	D
Reprobado	0 - 60	F

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants with the licenciado or ingeniero may be considered for admission into a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

GUINEA

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
Tres Bien	16-20	A
Bien	14-15	B+
Assez Bien	12-13	B
Passable	10-11	C
Ajourne	0-9	F

Recommendations and comments

Maitrise following Licence

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GUYANA

Grading		U.S. Equivalent
80-100	Distinction	A
70-79	Credit	B
50-69	Pass	C
0-49	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

Haiti

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
0-59	F

Recommendations and comments

Licence or Diplome (3 or 4 years)

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

HONDURAS – Republica de Honduras

Language – Spanish

Educational System – In 1989 Universidad Nacional de Honduras/UNAH was declared autonomous and was responsible for granting academic degrees from all Honduran institutions. There are four types of institutions providing higher education programs: (1) universities which are the highest level undergraduate and graduate institutions, (2) Institutes which offer concentrations usually in one or more areas and lead to the training of professionals, (3) schools which are responsible for just one academic concentration and have a training emphasis and (4) academies which offer vocational programs.

The unidad de medida academica or UMA is the “unit of academic measure and represents One hour of classroom work combined with two hours of homework. This unit regulates the different degrees offered.

Degrees – carrera corta is 80-100 credits and a two-year program; licenciatura is 160 or more credits; doctorado en medicina y cirugia is a minimum of 320 credits and is 6-8 years for medical training, teaching and research. The graduate level or postgrado degrees are the especialidad which is 1-3 years beyond the licenciado; maestria which is 1-1/2 to 2 additional years and the doctorado which is a minimum of two additional year’s duration.

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
Excellent	90-100	A
Good	80-89	B
Average	70-79	C
Passing	60-69	D
Failing	0-59	F

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants who have received the licenciado or a first professional degree such as the ingeniero may be considered for graduate admission. The maestria is considered equal to the U.S. master’s degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

HONG KONG –

Language – Cantonese (a dialect of Chinese)

Educational system – Institutions are under the Director of Education

Degrees

Bachelor's degree is a first university degree and considered equal to a U.S. Bachelor's degree. Programs offered by degree-granting institutions are: Honours Bachelor Degrees, Ordinary Bachelor Degrees and various diploma programs

Grading

The grading system differs according to the institution; many utilize some variation of the U.S. system. Students are usually ranked into one of the following five divisions based on exams and coursework.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
First-class honors	A
Second-class honors div.I	B+/B
Second-class honors div II	B-/C+
Third-class honors	C
Pass	D

Recommendations and comments

Bachelor's degrees granted from key universities may be considered for graduate study. Graduates from Hong Kong Polytechnic do not have equivalent academic background

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

HUNGARY – Magyar Koztarsadag

Language – Magyar, the Hungarian language is 40th in the world with regards to the number of people who speak it as a mother tongue.

Since 10/89 The Republic of Hungary has been a constitutional, democratic state ruled by law.

Educational System – There are a many different types of universities in Hungary such as traditional, medical, economics science, technical, agricultural and university ranked colleges. Higher education is open to those holding the secondary school maturity certificate or other equivalent qualifications. An entrance exam is also required.

Please note that in 1996 there were new laws on public education and vocational training as compulsory schooling changed from 8-10 years; the earlier central curriculum was formally abolished and has been replaced by a national basic curriculum. In 1996 there were two new institutions established: the Higher Education and Academic Council and the National Accreditation Committee.

Degrees – uzemmernok is a three-year professional diploma from a college; tanito is a teacher training qualification awarded after three years of tertiary education and the tanari oklevel is the teacher training degree awarded after four years of tertiary education, oklevel is four to six year degree. The absolutorium is a certificate awarded after completion of all first-level tertiary coursework and allows a student to take the final state examination. The egyetemi doctor/muszaki doctor is a graduate degree with variable time duration. It is considered comparable to the U.S. master's degree. The allatorvos is a veterinary degree awarded after five years of study. The tudomany kandidatusa oklevel/candidates scientiarum is a graduate level degree and is higher level than a kisdoktor. It is considered comparable to the US. Doctorate.

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
Kivalo	5	A
Jo	4	B
Kozepes	3	C
Elegeges	2	C
Elegtelen	1	F

Recommendations and Comments

A university degree of at least four years of tertiary study is the minimum requirement to be considered for admission into a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

INDIA – Bharat

Languages – Hindi (official), Bengali, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya

Educational system: The system is based on the English system. Degrees are awarded with a ranking.

Degrees:

There are three-year and four-year bachelor's degrees. The three-year degree is not equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor's degree. The four-year degree is usually the bachelor of engineering or the bachelor of technology.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
70-100	A+	10	Excellent A
60-69	A	9	Very Good A
45-59	B	8	Good B
35-44	C	7	Fair B

Choice Based Credit System

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
O Outstanding	10	A	
A+ Excellent	9	A	
A Very Good	8	A	
B+ Good	7	A	
B Above Average	6	B	
C Average	5	C	
P Pass	4	C	
F Fail	0	F	

If ten point scale is not available on the transcript default to the ten point scale listed above.

Recommendations and comments

The following degree and/or degree combinations are considered equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree and holder's would be eligible to be considered for entry into a master's degree program: The minimum 4-year Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Technology, the 3-year bachelor's degree plus completion of a post-graduate diploma from a recognized university or the 3-year bachelor's degree plus the master's degree completion.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

INDONESIA – Republik Indonesia

Language – Indonesian

Educational system: New standards were set in 1989 by the National Education Law. State, private and state religious institutions offer tertiary education. Note: prior to 1993, private institutions were categorized into three categories. Equalized institutions (disamakan) were considered equivalent to state institutions and Recognized (diakur) and registered (terdaftar) institutions were NOT considered equivalent to state institutions.

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent	Descriptive
A	4	A	Excellent (Istimewa/Sangat Baik/Baik Sekali, Bagus Sekali)
B	3	B	Good (Baik)
C	2	C	Fair/Passed with credit (Cukup/Sedang)
D	1	D	Poor/Passed (Kurang/Lulus Bersyarat)
E/F	0	F	Fail (Gagal/Tidak Lulus)

Recommendations and comments

When evaluating admission, determine if the credential is pre- or post- 1990.

Pre-1990: The sarjana, sarjana lengkap and the insinyur are the minimum required degrees. The sarjana muda does not qualify to enter a graduate program. The magister sains may be considered equal to a U.S. master's degree. The pre-1990 doktor is NOT equivalent to a U.S. doctoral degree.

Post-1990: The sarjana is the minimum degree required for graduate admission. The magister may be considered equal to a U.S. master's degree and the post-1990 doktor may be considered comparable to a U.S. doctorate.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

IRAN – Islamic Republic of Iran

Language – Farsi, Kurdish, Arabic and Azari

Educational System – Higher education in Iran is very established and is obtained through universities, colleges of technology and teacher-training centers. The secondary school leaving certificate (Diplom) and passing the national competitive examination are required for admission to higher education in Iran. An academic credit in Iranian higher education is equal to 6/7 of a U. S. credit.

Degrees – licence (Karshenas) is awarded after 4 years and is translated into a BA or BS. This degree awarded prior to 1964 is not acceptable. The karshenasi-arshad (used to be the fogh-license) is a two-year degree and is translated at MA or MS. The doctorate is awarded after the completion of 24 credits beyond the karshenasi-arshad and a dissertation is required.

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
4	17-20	A
3	14-16.9	B
2	12-13.9	C
1	10-11.9	D

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants with a degree representing a minimum of four years of tertiary study (and at least 140 credits) are eligible to be considered for admission into a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

IRAQ

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	C
0-49	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

IRELAND – Eire

Language – English, Irish (Gaelic)

Educational system: Higher education is through two universities; University of Dublin/Trinity College and the National University of Ireland. Higher education is open to holders of the leaving certificate; the secondary education diploma.

Degree

Bachelor's degree, awarded after varying amounts of tertiary education, master's degree is awarded after two years of study beyond the bachelor's degree and the doctorate is awarded after a minimum of three years of study beyond the master's degree.

Grading	Numerical	Classification system	U.S. Equivalent
A	70-100	First class I	A
B	60-69	Second Class,Upper II-1	B+
C	40-59	Second Class,Lower,II-II	B
F	0-39	Third Class or III	C+
		Pass (P)	C
		Fail (F)	F

Recommendations and comments

A bachelor's degree of four years is the minimum requirement for graduate admission. The Irish master's degree and doctorate can be considered equivalent to U.S. degrees of the same level.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

ISRAEL – Medinat Yisra’el

Language – Hebrew, Arabic

Educational system: Military service is required in Israel so most students go straight into the military prior to university. Therefore they tend to be two to three years older than the average U.S. student. There are three types of institutions; universities, nonuniversity institutions and regional colleges. There are approximately six research and teaching universities offering bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs (see list below). Some of the nonuniversity institutions of higher education have authority to award bachelor’s degrees in certain fields. The regional colleges do not offer degrees equal to U. S. bachelor’s degrees.

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
85-10	A
75-84	B
65-74	C
55-64	D
0-54	F

Please note that grading is severe and is not inflated.

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor’s 4-year bachelor’s degree is considered equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree and most 3-year bachelor’s degrees are equivalent and adequate if going into the same field of study. The difference is that most bachelor’s degree programs at universities are 3-years of intensive study in a single or dual major. Four-year bachelor’s programs are in professionally oriented fields such as engineering and nursing.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

ITALY – Repubblica Italiana

Language – Italian

Educational system: The Diploma di Laurea is the only degree awarded by Italian universities.

Degree

The laurea requires four years of study, chemistry requires five years and medicine requires six years. There are studies, which continue one to five years after the laurea.

Grading		U. S. Equivalent
27-30	99-110	A
21-26	77-98	B
18-20	66-76	C
0-17	0-65	F

Recommendations and comments

The laurea is considered the minimum requirement to enter graduate studies. Transfer credit is considered **ONLY** for advanced study beyond the laurea.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

JAMAICA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
I	A	A	4.0
II	B	A-	3.7
III	C	B+	3.3
IV	D	B	3.0
V	D	B-	2.7
VI	F	C+	2.3
		C	2.0
		C-	1.7
		D	1.0

Recommendations and comments

Bachelor's degree (3 or 4 years)

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

JAPAN – Nippon

Language – Japanese

Educational system: Admission to university is tied to competitive examinations. National and public institutions are considered to be more competitive for admission than private schools.

Degree

The bachelor's degree is awarded after four years of tertiary study and is the first university degree, master's degrees require two additional years beyond the bachelor's degree and the doctoral degree is awarded after three or more years of study beyond the master's degree.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U. S. Equivalent
A	80-100	Excellent	A
B	70-79	Very good	B
C	60-69	Good	C
F	Below 59	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor's degree is considered the minimum required degree for graduate study.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

JORDAN – Al Mamlaka al Urduniya al Hashemiyah

Language – Arabic (official), English

Educational system: Higher education is offered through vocational institutions, teacher training institutions and universities.

Degrees

Bachelor's degree is awarded after four years of tertiary study, engineering may last five years, master's degree is awarded two years beyond the bachelor's degree and the doctor of philosophy is awarded after approximately three years of study beyond the master's degree

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
84-100	A
76-83	B
68-75	B
60-67	C
0-60	F

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement for admission to graduate study. Master's degrees and the doctor of philosophy need to be looked at carefully to determine if appropriate coursework was taken and how long the program was. Sometimes these are NOT equivalent to U.S. master's and doctoral degrees. A student's departmental rank should be considered as some students in the science faculties rarely are given a grade above seventy.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

KAZAKHSTAN

Grading`	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
4.0	95-100	A
3.67	90-94	A-
3.33	85-89	B+
3.0	80-84	B
2.67	75-79	B-
2.33	70-74	C+
2.0	65-69	C
1.67	60-64	C-
1.33	55-59	D+
1.0	50-54	D
0	0-49	F

Recommendations and comments

Specialist Diploma or Bakalavr

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

KENYA – Jamhuri ya Kenya

Language – English is the official language (Swahili is the national language)

Educational system – this system is modeled after the system of the United Kingdom

Degrees – bachelor's degree are awarded after 3-5 years of tertiary study, master's degrees after two years of study beyond the bachelor's degree and doctorate degrees after completion of course work and research – usually 4 years after the bachelor's degree.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U. S. Equivalent
A	70-100	1 st class Honours	A
B	60-69	2 nd class Honours upper	A-
C	50-59	2 nd class Honours lower	B
D	40-49	Pass	C
E	0-39	Fail	F

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to be considered for admission to graduate degree program. The master's degree is considered to be equivalent, however, the doctorate degree would need to be evaluated individually.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

KOREA – (Republic of South Korea) Taehan Min' guk

Language – Korean

Educational system – Admission is based on secondary school graduation and results of scholastic achievement examination. It is a very centralized system under the MOE.

Degrees – Bachelor's degrees are awarded after four years of tertiary study and are considerable comparable to U.S. bachelor's degrees. Master's degrees are awarded two years of study beyond the bachelor's degree and doctorate degrees are awarded after completion of sixty credits of coursework beyond the master's degree and a dissertation.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
69-69	D
0-59	F

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
4	A
3	B
2	C
1	D
0	F

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor's degree would be the minimum requirement to be considered for admission to a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

KOSOVO

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
5	A	10	A
4	B+	9	B+
3	B	8	B
2	C	7	B-
1	F	6	C
		Below 6	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree (240 ECTS)

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

KUWAIT – Dawlat al Kuwayt

Language – Arabic (official); English widely spoken

Educational System – The admission to Kuwait University is based on performance at secondary school. Primary and secondary schooling are a total of twelve years. The educational system is under the Ministry of Education.

Degrees – Bachelor’s degrees are awarded after four years of study. There are also diploma programs in law, business and applied statistics. These programs are one or two years beyond the bachelor’s degree. The master’s degrees are awarded after two years of coursework following the bachelor’s degree. The master’s degree from Kuwait University is considered equal to the U.S. master’s degree.

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	Excellent	A
80-89	Very Good	B
70-79	Good	C
60-69	Pass	D
0-59	Fail	F

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor’s degree is considered the minimum requirement for entering a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

LAOS

Grading	U.S. Equivalent	Grading	U.S. Equivalent
18-20	A+	80-100	A
16-17.9	A	70-79	B
14-15.9	B	60-69	C
12-13.9	C	50-59	D
10-11.9	D	0-49	F
9-10	F		
8-9	F		
0-8	F		

Recommendations and comments

Bed/BSc/BA Bachelors degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

LEBANON – Al-Joumhouriya al-Lubnaniya

Language – Arabic (official), French, English

Educational System – There are three ministries that are responsible; (1) Ministry of National Education and Sports, (2) Ministry of Culture and Higher Education and (3) Ministry of Technical and Vocational Education. Most higher education is based on the French structure.

Degrees – The following degree are first-university degrees and should be considered equal to a U.S. bachelor’s degree IF they represent a minimum of four years of full time study: licence, bachelor’s degree diplome d’etudes superieures, or diplome in a special field. A three-year licence is not considered sufficient for graduate admission. Maitrise – a four-year maitrise is sufficient to be considered for graduate admission. The five-year maitrise could be looked at on a course-by-course basis as having transfer credit if it is in the same field of study. The following degrees are second level university degrees representing a minimum of two years of study beyond a 4-year, first-level degree and are considered equivalent to a U.S. master’s degree: Maagistiir, magistere, diplome d’etudes superieures, and diplome d’etudes approfondies.

Grading 20 Point scale	U.S. Equivalent
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16-20	A
14-15.9	B+
12-13.9	B
10-11.9	C
8-9.9	F

Grading 100 Point scale	U.S. Equivalent
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80-100	A
70-79	B
50-69	C
0-59	F

Recommendations and Comments

Lebanese transcripts need to be checked very closely to determine the length of a degree program as similar degree titles are obtained in different lengths of time. See the recommendation above under “Degrees”.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

LESOTHO

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
80-100	A
75-79	B+
70-74	B
65-69	C+
60-64	C
55-59	D+
50-54	D
40-49	F
0-39	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

LIBERIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

LIBYA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
85-100	A
75-84	B
65-74	C
50-64	D
0-49	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

LITHUANIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
9-10	A
7-8	B
4-6	C
1-3	D

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MACEDONIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
10	A
9	B+
8	B
7	B-
6	C
5	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree (240 ECTS)

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MADAGASCAR

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
16-20	A
14-15	B+
12-13	B
10-11	C
0 - 9	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MALAWI

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
75-100	A+
70-74	A
60-69	B
50-59	C
40-49	C-
35-39	F
0-34	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MALAYSIA

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
A	Excellent	A
B+	Very good	B+
B	Good	B
C+	Redeemable	C
F	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Baccalaureate degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MAURITIUS

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
First	70-100	A
Second Upper	60-69	B
Second Lower	50-59	C
	0-49	F

Recommendations and comments

Bachelor of Science (honours) 3 or 4 years

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MEXICO – Estados Unidos Mexicanos

Language – Spanish

Educational system: It is a centralized system and Mexican universities are not accredited but recognition is more of a legal standing than quality assessment. There are autonomous, state and federal public institutions. The bachillerato is required to enter university first year.

Degree: Licenciatura programs vary from 3-5 years. Holders are given the Licenciado or may have the title (titulo) of the profession. Maestria degrees are 1-2 years of tertiary study beyond the licenciatura and doctorado degrees are awarded. The Maestria may be considered comparable to a U.S. master's degree, the doctorado represents a year beyond the U.S. master's degree and sometimes may be comparable to a U.S. Ph.D.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U. S. Equivalent
Muy Bien (MB)	10	Very Good	A+
Bien (B)	9	Good	A
Regular/Suficiente (R/S)	8		B
Average	6-7		C
Reprobado/No Suficiente (NS)	0-5	Fail/ Not Sufficient	F

Recommendations and Comments

The licenciatura or titulo degree of at least FOUR years is considered the minimum required to enter a graduate program. Holders of the especialista may be considered for admission to a graduate program with possible transfer credit.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

MOLDOVA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
10	A
9	B+
7-8	B
5-6	C
1-4	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MONGOLIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

MOROCCO – al-Mamlaka al-Maghrebia

Language – Arabic, French, and Berber dialects

Educational System – The oldest university in the world, Quaraouiyine University was founded in 859 in the city of Fes. The educational system is modeled after the French system. Arabic and French are the languages of instruction. Holders of the secondary school leaving certificate (baccalaureate) are eligible to apply to a university.

Degrees – A certificate or diploma is awarded after each stage of completion. The licence is awarded after the second cycle of higher education (years of three and four). Since 1970 most of these degrees have been four-year degrees. The Certificate d'études approfondies (CEA) is awarded after one-year of study beyond the licence. Law, economics and social sciences awarded the certificate d'études superieures (CES). The Diplome d'études superieures (DES) is awarded after a minimum of two years beyond the CEA or CES and requires a defense and written thesis. The Doctorat d'Etat is considered equivalent to a U.S. Ph.D.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
16-20	A
14-15	B+
12-13	B-
10-11	C
0-9	F

Recommendations and Comments

The four-year licence is the minimum requirement to be considered for graduate admission.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

MOZAMBIQUE – Republica Popular de Mocambique

Language – Portuguese (official), Bantu

Educational System – Higher education is taught at one university, teacher training colleges (pedagogical institutes) and vocation schools. Students have to complete the secondary education state and pass a national competitive exam to continue on to higher education.

Degrees – The bacharelato is awarded after only three years of study. The Formacao de Professores para o Ensino Secundaria Geral is an education degree awarded after 4-1/2 years of education (beginning in Grade 12 of secondary education). These holders can teach secondary school. The Licenciatura is awarded after 5 years in medicine, 4-5 years in sciences.

Grading		U.S. Equivalent
18-20	90-100	A
15-17	70-89	B
12-14	60-69	C+
10-11	50-59	C
0-9	0-49	F

Recommendations and Comments

Completion of four years of tertiary education and a completed licenciatura degree are the minimum requirements for entering a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

NAMIBIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
First Class	A
Second Class Upper	B+
Second Class Lower	B
Third Class	C+
Pass	C
Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

NEPAL

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
60-100	A
45-59	B
33-44	C
0-32	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

For additional detail please email gradschool@colostate.edu include country, school and degree with your inquiry.

NETHERLANDS – Koninkrijk der Nederlanden

Language – Dutch (official) English, French and German also spoken

Educational system: University education changed with the 1993 Higher Education and Research Act. There are two types of higher education; the universities preparing students for scientific work in an academic setting and the hogescholen offering higher professional education concentrating on applied science and preparing them with specific skills they will need for certain professions.

Degrees: There are two different levels of advancement:

(1) The doctoraal programs, taking 4 years to complete and sometimes an additional 2 years. Graduates use the title doctorandus; engineering programs use the title Ingenieur and graduates of law use the title meester. (2) Post-doctoraal programs vary in length, from one-year teacher training programs to four-year research programs.

Higher professional education, Hogescholen (HBO), has several categories including (1) ingenieur for graduates of engineering, agriculture and environmental science and (2) baccalaureus degree earned by graduates of all other programs.

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
Uitmuntend	10	A
Zeer Goed	9	A
Goed	8	A
Rium Voldoende	7	B
Voldoende	6	C
Bijna Voldoende	5	D
Onvoldoende	4	F
Gering	3	F
Slecht	2	F
Zeer slecht	1	F

Recommendations and comments

Holders of the doctorandus of four years or more may be considered for graduate admission.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

NEW ZEALAND –

Language – English and Maori

Educational system: Admission to a university is based on the UE, University Entrance.

Degrees

The bachelor's degree is the first university degree and is completed in 3, 4 or 5 years depending on the program. There are four types of bachelor's degrees; (1) ordinary or pass, three-year degree written as B.A or B.S. (2) honours degree, is one year beyond the ordinary level and written as B.A.(Hons) or B.S.(Hons) (3) Combined honours degree indicates one year of study beyond honours and indicates honours in multiple subjects and (4) double honours degree is one year beyond combined honours and indicates honours in two subject areas and advanced honours in another subject.

Grading		U. S. Equivalent
A+	85-100	A
A	80-84	A
A-	75-79	A
B+	70-74	B
B	65-69	B
B-	60-64	B
C+	55-59	C
C	50-54	C
C-	50-54	C
D	40-49	F
F	0-39	F

Degrees are awarded with the following classifications: First Class or Class I; Second Class (Division I) or Class 2 (Division I); Second Class (Division II) or Class 2 (Division II) or Third Class.

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor's degree with a MINIMUM of four years of full-time study is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program. Master's degrees are considered comparable to U.S. master's degrees and the Ph.D. degree is comparable to a U. S. Ph.D.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

NICARAGUA – Republica de Nicaragua

Language – Spanish (official), English

Educational System – Nicaragua’s state universities are very poorly funded and education is highly theoretical.

Degrees – First-degree programs lead to a licenciatura or professional qualification (ingeniero, professor). The licenciatura or licenciado is awarded after four to five years of full-time study. The professional qualifications degree programs require five to six years of study. These have professional titles (ingeniero, ingeniero-agricola, ingeniero-agronomo) and are equivalent to the U.S. bachelor’s degree.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants with the title of Licenciado or one of the first professional degrees may be considered for graduate admission. The maestria may be considered comparable to a U.S. master’s degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

NIGERIA – Federal Republic of Nigeria

Language – English (official) Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo

Educational System – Higher education is in universities, technical colleges and advanced teacher-training colleges. Direct entry to a university requires completion of a combination of Ordinary and Advanced level courses and tests. Concessional entry requires an additional year of preliminary study to compensate for deficiencies in an applicant's background.

Degrees – The bachelor's degree is awarded after four to five years of study. The honours degree indicates greater achievement than a pass degree (course work is similar). The post-graduate certificates/diplomas that are awarded after one to two years of study beyond the bachelor's degree should not be considered equivalent to a U.S. master's degree. The master's degree is awarded after one to three years of full-time study beyond the bachelor's honours degree.

4.0 Grading scale

Grading	Numerical	Grade points	U.S. Equivalent
First Class	70-100	4.0	A
Second Class Upper Division	60-69	3.5	B+
Second Class Lower Division	50-59	3.0	B
Third Class	45-49	2.5	C+
Pass	40-44	2.0	C
Fail	0-39	0	F

5.0 Grading scale

Grading	Grade Points	U.S. Equivalent
Excellent	5.0	A
Very Good	4.0	B+
Good	3.0	B
Pass	2.0	C
Poor Pass	1.0	D
Fail	0.0	F

Recommendations and Comments

Four year bachelor's degree is the minimum qualification for entering a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

NORWAY – Kongeriket Norge

Language – Norwegian (official), Lapp

Educational system: Since 1993, higher education has been restructured. Universities offer a variety of academic programs and degrees, college sector institutions (hogskoler) offer programs in length from one semester to four years.

Degrees

Candidatus/Candidata magisteril (male/female designation) is the basic university degree representing 3-1/2 to 4 years of study. The Candidatus/a philologiae, candidates/ a rerum politicarum, candidates/a scientiarum are advanced university degrees representing 1-1/2 to 2 years of study beyond the candidates/a magisterial. Professionally oriented degree programs lead to qualifications for a specific profession and vary in length. These degrees include candidates/a _____(field of study) such as candidates/ a sivilingenior (engineering).

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
1	A
2-2.9	B
3-3.9	C
4-4.9	D
5-5.9	F
6-6.9	F

Recommendations and comments

A completed degree program of at least four years of tertiary study is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program and candidates who hold the candidata magisterial or a professional degree may be considered.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

OMAN

Language – Arabic (official), English widely used

Educational System – In 1994 the Ministry of Higher Education was established. There are four private colleges under the supervision of the MOE. They offer post-secondary education in business administration, economics, commerce and computer science. Sultan Qaboos has been establishing master degree programs.

Degrees – The bachelor’s degree is four to five years in length.

Grading is on a 4-point system.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
75-89	B
60-74	C
50-59	D
0-49	E, F

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
4 or A	A
3 or B	B
2 or C	C
1 or D	D
0 or F	F

Recommendations and Comments

The four year bachelor’s degree is the minimum requirement for entering a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

PAKISTAN – Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Language – Urdu (national and official)

Educational system: Education is based on the English system and degrees are awarded with a ranking.

Degrees

A four year bachelor's degree is considered to be comparable to the U.S. bachelor's degree.

Grading	Description	U. S. Equivalent
70-100	Distinction	A+
60-69	First Class	A
45-59	Second Class	B
35-44	Pass Class	C
0-34	Fail	F

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
85-100	Distinction	A+
70-84	High Pass	A
60-69	Pass	B
50-59	Marginal Pass	C
0-49	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

A 4 year bachelors is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

PANAMA – Republica de Panama

Language – Spanish (official)

Educational system: In recent years there have been regional trends toward the privatization of higher education.

Degrees

Licenciado is a first university degree and often designates a specific concentration, e.g., licenciado en matematicas. This degree takes 4-5 years to complete.

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
Sobresaliente	91-100	A
Bueno	81-90	B
Regular/Average	71-80	C
Minima Promocion	61-70	D
Fracaso	0-60	F
Sin Nota	S.N.	No Grade
Incomplete	I	Incomplete

Recommendations and comments

The licenciado is the minimum requirement for entering a graduate program. The maestria is considered equal to a U. S. master's degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

PARAGUAY

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
5	A
4	A
3	B
2	C
1	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Licenciado

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PERU – Republica del Peru

Language – Spanish and Quechua are official, and also there is Aymara

Educational System – Admission to higher education is extremely competitive. Spaces are determined by the number of trained personnel needed in a particular field.

Degrees - The bachiller, the licenciatura and other professional title (titulo) such as ingeniero is considered comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree. The maestro, magister or magister scientiae degrees are considered comparable to a U.S. master's degree.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
15-20	A
13-14.9	B+
12-12.9	B
11-11.9	C
0-10.9	F

Recommendations and Comments

The licenciatura, bachiller (five-year) or titulo (such as ingeniero) degrees are the minimum required degrees for entering a graduate program. The especialista is a professional degree earned after the licenciado.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

PHILIPPINES – Repubika ng Pilipinas

Language – Pilipino (based on Tagalog) is national language, English is the language of government and instruction in higher education, contact the Graduate School Office to see if a TOEFL will be required.

Educational system – The national government is over higher education.

Degrees

Bachelor's degree is awarded after four to five years and is considered comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree.

Grading		U. S. Equivalent
1.0	95-100	A+
1.1-1.5	90-94	A
1.6-2.4	85-89	B
2.5-2.9	80-84	C
3	75-79	C
4	70-74	D
5	Below 70	F

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor's degree of at least four years is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

POLAND – Rzeczpospolita Polska

Language – Polish

Educational System – The university system in Poland is four to five years of study leading to the dyplom. Practical training is a part of the university curriculum.

Degrees – The dyplom indicating the title of magister is a first university degree and is equal to a U.S. bachelor’s degree, it is a four or five year program. It may be translated as “masters” but that does not mean it is equivalent to a U.S. master’s degree. The doctor nauk is considered a level beyond the U.S. master’s degree.

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
Celujacy	5	A
Bardzo Dobry	5	A
Dobry plus	4.5	B+
Dobrydob+	4	B
Dostateczny plus	3.5	C+
Dostateczny	3	C
Niedostateczny	2	F

Recommendations and Comments

The dyplom (magister) (240 ECTS) degree is the minimum required to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

PORTUGAL – Republica Portuguesa

Language – Portuguese

Educational System – Portugal’s system of education is the model for several countries systems, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique and Macau. Higher education is offered through universities and polytechnic institutions.

Degrees – The licenciado/licenciatura is a first-university degree lasting four to five years. Use caution as some licenciado programs last only two or three years. The mestrado lasts 6 months to 2-1/2 years after the licenciatura.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
20	A+
18-19	A
16-17	B+
14-15	B
10-13	C
5-9	F
0-4	F

Recommendations and Comments

Applicants with a degree representing at least four years (240 ECTS) of tertiary study may be considered for admission into a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

ROMANIA

Language – Romanian, Hungarian, German

Educational system: Higher education takes place in the universities, polytechnic and technical institutes.

Degrees

Diploma de Stat is awarded in a specialization after only three years of tertiary study; Licentat is awarded after 4-5 years of tertiary study and completion of the exam de stat, and Diploma de Inginer is awarded after five years of university study. These are all first university degrees.

Grading	Description	Translation	U. S. Equivalent
10	Zece	Excellent	A
9	noua	Excellent	A
8	Opt	Good	B
7	Sapte	Good	B
6	Sase	Sufficient	C
5	Cinci	Sufficient	C
0-4		Failing	F

Recommendations and comments

A degree of at least four years (240 ECTS) is required to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

RUSSIA – Russian Federation

Language – Russian (official)

Educational system: Education has been rapidly changing to the U.S. model, 3-4 year bachelor's (bakalavr) degrees and 2-year master's (magistr) degrees are being implemented. The 5-year diplom is a first university degree and is considered equal to a U.S. bachelor's degree with no advanced standing.

Degrees:

The degrees are the diplom degree, kandidat nauk and the bakalavr and magistr. The diplom is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program, the kandidat nauk is a first advanced degree and an applicant can enter a graduate program with advanced standing. The bakalavr and magistr are considered equal to the U.S. bachelor's degree and U.S. master's degree respectively.

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
Otlichno	5	A
Khorsho	4	B
Undovletvoritel'no	3	C
Neudovletvoritel'no	2	F

There are also courses completed with a "credit" grade

Recommendations and comments

The five-year diplom degree is considered the minimum required degree for graduate study. The bakalavr would need to be checked carefully and would need to be a minimum of 4 years of full-time study.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

SAUDI ARABIA – Al-Mamlaka al'-Arabiya as-Sa'udiya

Language – Arabic (official)

Educational system: The universities are separately chartered and function autonomously.

Degrees

Bachelor's degrees are four years, with the exception of the Engineering degree and it is usually five years. Master's degrees and Ph.D. degrees follow the U.S. models.

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
4.0	A
3.0	B
2.0	C
1.0	F

The grading scale used will usually show on the transcript. Watch for grading scales that are different than 4.0, several universities use a 4.5 or 5-point system so the cumulative grade would need to be converted to a 4-point system.

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor's degree is considered the minimum required degree for graduate study. Note: check very closely the eligibility of applicants from a technical university.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

SCOTLAND

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
First Class	A
Second Class Upper	B+
Second Class Lower	B
Third Class	C+
Pass	C
Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's (Honours) degree

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SENEGAL

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
16-20	A
14-15	B+
12-13	B
10-11	C
0-9	F

Recommendations and comments

Maitrise comparable to US bachelors

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SERBIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
10	A+
9	A
8	B+
7	B
6	C
0-5	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree (240 ECTS)

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SINGAPORE – Republic of Singapore

Languages – English, Mandarin and other Chinese dialects

Educational System – There are two types of institutions that offer higher education, universities and specialized institutions. Entrance to university requires the Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education awarded after six years of primary education and six years of secondary education.

Degrees – The bachelor’s degree is awarded after three or four years of study. It is awarded at the honors or ordinary level. Master’s degrees are awarded after one to three years of full-time study beyond the bachelor’s degree.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
Class I	A
Class II, Division I	B+
Class II, Division II	B
Class III	C

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor’s degree is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program. The master’s degree requiring the bachelor’s degree (honours) could be considered equal to a U.S master’s degree. The Ph.D. degree is considered comparable to a U.S. Ph.D. degree

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

SOUTH AFRICA – Republic of South Africa

Language – Multi-lingual including Afrikaans and English

Educational System is modeled after the British system.

Degrees – bachelor's degree awarded; (1) after three years of study in commerce, nursing, general sciences and social science, (2) after four years of study in agriculture, domestic science, education, engineering, fine arts, music, (3) after five years of study in architecture and veterinary medicine. Master's degree awarded 1-2 years beyond the bachelor's degree and doctorate awarded after 1-4 years beyond the master's degree (this generally represents 18-21 years of education).

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
First Class	75-100	A
Second Class I	70-74	B+
Second Class II	60-69	B
Third Class	50-59	C
Fail	0-49	F

70% or better would be the recommended equivalent for B or better admission. 60-69% could be considered unconditionally with high GREs and other supporting rational.

Recommendations and Comments

A university degree representing a minimum of 4 years of tertiary study is the minimum requirement to be considered for graduate admission. The Baccalaureus Technologiae issued by the Technikon, replaced the National Higher Diploma in the mid 1990s. It consists usually of four years of degree study, which includes one year of non-academic industrial attachment. These are not considered equivalent to U.S. bachelor's degrees as they would be considered as representing completion of three years of university-level study plus one year of non-credit practical training.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

SPAIN – Reino de Espana

Language – Spanish (official)

Educational system: Private and state universities are under the Ministry of National Education

Degrees

Licenciado or licenciatura is achieved after five years of university study and the titulo profesional is awarded to engineering students and equals the licenciado.

Grading	Numerical	Description	U. S. Equivalent
Sobresaliente	9-10	Outstanding	A
Notable	7-8.99	Very Good	B+
Bien	6-6.99	Good	B
Aprobado	5.0-5.99	Passing	C
Suspenso	Below 5	Failed	F

Recommendations and comments

The licenciatura/licenciado is the minimum required to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

SRI LANKA

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
A	70-100	A
B	55-69	B
C	40-54	C
E	30-39	D
F	0-29	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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SUDAN

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
Division I	80-100	A
Division II	60-70	B
Division II	40-59	C
	0-39	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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SWEDEN – Konungariket Sverige

Language – Swedish

Educational System – University colleges offer undergraduate studies with a limited number of first-degree programs. Universities offer a wider range of studies and also offer graduate program and research opportunities. The academic programs are a system of “points” with an academic year of full-time study giving forty points. Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

Degrees – hogskoleexamen is a first degree awarded after completion of at least eighty points but no more than one-hundred-and-twenty points. The kandidatexamen which is translated as the bachelor of arts or science, is awarded after one-hundred-and-sixty points and represents four years of tertiary study. The yrkesexamen is a professional degree awarded in specific professions such as medicine, fine arts, teacher training and engineering. These are usually one-hundred-and-sixty to two hundred points. The licentiatexamen is awarded after approximately two years of study beyond the first university degree. The doktorexamen is awarded after four years of full-time study beyond the first university degree.

Grading	Translation	U.S. Equivalent
Val Godkand	Pass With Distinction	A-B
Godkand	Pass	B-C
Icke Godkand	Not Passing	D-F

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
A	A
B	A
C	B
D	C
E	D
F	F

Recommendations and Comments

The degree representing four or more years of tertiary study (240ects) is the minimum requirement for entering a graduate degree program. The Licentiatexamen is the equivalent to a U.S. master’s degree and the Doktorexamen is equivalent to a U.S. doctoral degree.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

SWITZERLAND – Schweiz/Suisse/Svizzera/Svizra

Languages – German, French, Italian, Romansch

Educational System – The universities are divided into faculties that are comparable to schools at a U.S. university. Entry is based by receipt of any of the five types of Federal Maturity Certificates. The language of instruction is French, Italian or German depending where the institution is located.

Degree – licence, lizentiat, diplom or diplome and usually requires four years of full-time study. Applicants who have completed the six-semester licence or the seven-semester degrees may be considered to have a degree comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree.

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
6	A
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	D
1	F

Recommendations and Comments

The licence, lizentiat, diplom or diplome degrees are the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

SYRIA – Al-Jamhuriya al Arabiya As-Souriya

Language – Arabic (official)

Educational system: The preferred academic programs are restricted to students with the highest scores on the General Secondary Examination. Preferred programs are engineering, business, arts and sciences, agriculture and education.

Degrees

Professional degree programs in medicine and veterinary medicine are first degrees. The Licentiate is comparable to the U.S. bachelor's degree

Grading	Description	U. S. Equivalent
90-100	Honors	A
80-89	Excellent	A
70-79	Very Good	A
60-69	Good	B
50-59	Pass	C
0-49	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

The licentiate degree is considered the minimum required to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

TAIWAN

Language – Mandarin Chinese (official)

Educational system: There are Universities, Colleges, special course Technical and military institutes.

Degrees

Bachelor's degrees are four years, master's degrees are two years beyond the bachelor's degree and the doctoral degree is two years of coursework beyond the MA/MS.

Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D
0-49	F (Fail)

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor's degree is the minimum required to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

TANZANIA

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
5	70-100	A
4	60-69	B+
3	50-59	B
2	40-49	C
1	35-39	D
0	0-34	F

Recommendations and comments

Three or Four year Bachelor's degree

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THAILAND – Kingdom of Thailand

Language – Thai (official), English is the second language of the elite

Educational system: Entry to universities is by state examination and there is a lot of competition.

Degrees

Bachelor's degrees are 4-5 years in length and engineering programs are five years. Master's degrees are awarded after two years following the bachelor's degree and the Ph.D. degree is 2-4 additional years.

Grading	Description	U. S. Equivalent
A	Excellent	A
B	Good	B
C	Fair	C
D	Very Poor	D
F	Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

The bachelor's degree is considered the minimum required to enter a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

TOGO

Grading	Description	U.S. Equivalent
16-20	Tres Bien	A
14-15	Bien	B+
12-13	Assez bien	B
10-11	Passable	C
0-9	Ajourne	F

Recommendations and comments

Certificat de Maitrise

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
86-100	A+
70-85	A
67-69	A-
63-66	B+
60-62	B
57-59	B-
53-56	C+
50-52	C
47-49	C-
43-46	D+
40-42	D
0-39	F

Recommendations and comments

Three or Four year Bachelor's degree

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TURKEY – Turkiye Cumhuriyeti

Language – Turkish

Educational system: Entrance to the university required holding the secondary diploma and completion of entrance exams.

Degrees

Lisans Diplomasi is awarded after 4-5 years of postsecondary study, the muhendis diplomasi, engineering degree, is also considered equal to a U.S. bachelor's degree. The yuksek lacinness diplomasi and the yuksek muhendi diplomasi are considered equal to a U.S. master's degree.

Grading		U. S. Equivalent
9-10	85-100	A
7-8	65-84	B
5-6	50-64	C
0-4	0-49	F

Recommendations and comments

The Lacinness or licentiate, bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

UGANDA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
Class 1 Honors	A
Class II Upper	B+
Class II Lower	B
General Pass	C
Fail	F

Recommendations and comments

Three or Four year Bachelor's degree

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UKRAINE

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
5	A
4	B
3	C
2	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Language – Arabic; English and Farsi also used

Educational System – There are universities, colleges and polytechnics. The colleges offer programs in aviation, engineering, business and English as a foreign language. The polytechnics offer vocational higher education. The American University of Sharjah is a coeducational university based on the American model. Zayed University is a national women’s university focusing on technology.

Degrees – the bachelor degree is offered at universities, some of these bachelor degrees are three-year degrees.

Grading – at most universities the 4-point scale is used; A = 4 quality points.

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A
85-89	B+
80-84	B
75-79	C+
70-74	C
65-69	D+
60-64	D
0-59	F

Recommendations and Comments

The bachelor’s degree from a university that is a minimum 4-year degree is the minimum requirement for entering a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

UNITED KINGDOM – United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Language – English, Welsh and Gaelic

Educational system: Universities, polytechnics, colleges and institutes of higher education provide the higher education in the United Kingdom. Universities are independent and elite, polytechnics are large institutions that offer practical learning and are larger than the colleges and institutes of higher education.

Degrees

Bachelors of arts or bachelors of Science from England and Wales or a four-year bachelor degree from Scotland may be considered for graduate admission. Master's degrees are considered equal to U. S. master's degree.

Undergraduate Education Grading Scale

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
First Class	70-100	A
Second Class Upper	60-69	B+
Second Class Lower	50-59	B
Third Class	40-49	C

Graduate Education Grading Scale

Grading	Numerical	U. S. Equivalent
Distinction	70-100	A
Merit	60-69	B
Pass	50-59	C

Recommendations and comments

The three-year bachelor's of arts degrees or bachelor's of science degree from England and Wales and the four-year bachelor's degree from Scotland is the minimum requirement to enter a graduate program. Higher degrees requiring the first degree may be considered equal to a U.S. Master's degree. Doctoral degrees are equal to the Ph.D. Please note that in 1992 the government gave polytechs the right to issue degrees and add the word "university" to their name resulting in many name changes, e.g., Coventry Polytechnic to Coventry University.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school's accreditation at the time of review.

URUGUAY

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
11-12	A
10	A-
9	B+
8	B+
7	B
6	B
3	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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UZBEKISTAN

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
85-100	A
75-84	B
55-74	C
Below 55	F

Recommendations and comments

Bakalavr Diplomi/Bakalavr Diplomi Imtiyozli (3 or 4 years)

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VENEZUELA – Republica de Venezuela

Language – Spanish

Educational system – The licenciatura degree is the most prominent and titles such as antropologo, economista are considered comparable to the licenciatura. Two and three year “institutos universitarios“ do not off access to graduate education. The four- and five-year programs such as the politecnicos award engineering degree (ingeniero) are considered for graudate admission. Also, the four-year institutos militares award the licenciatura degree.

Degrees

The licenciado is a first university degree requiring four years of tertiary education. The magister is considered comparable to a U. S. master’s degree

Grading	U. S. Equivalent
16-20	A
13-15	B
10-12	C
0-9	F

Recommendations and comments

The licenciado degree is the minimum required to enter a graduate degree program.

Universities: An institution must be recognized by the relevant body or authority in its own country to be considered recognized/approved/accredited. The Graduate School will verify the school’s accreditation at the time of review.

VIETNAM

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
10	A+
9	A
8	B+
7	B
6	C
5	C
4	F
3	F
2	F
1	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Đại Học

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ZAMBIA

Grading	U.S. Equivalent
90-100	A+
80-89	A
70-79	B+
60-69	C
50-59	C
40-49	D
30-39	D
0-29	F

Recommendations and comments

Four year Bachelor's degree

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ZIMBABWE

Grading	Numerical	U.S. Equivalent
First	80-100	A
Second Upper	70-79	B+
Second Lower	60-69	B
Third	50-59	C
Fail	0-49	F

Recommendations and comments

Three or Four year Bachelor's degree

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