

## Learn to Read Chinese Credentials

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### **Fast Facts about Chinese**

- Member of the Sino-Tibetan language family
- 3000-2800 years old
- Approximately 1 billion people speak Chinese in all its varieties!
- Written language uses Han characters: simplified & traditional
- Each character is monosyllabic
- Most words have multiple syllables and so use several characters.

ces: "Chinese Language Facts" www.languagehelper.org, "Chinese Language" www.wikipe



## Development of the Chinese Educational System

#### Soviet Model: 1946-66

- Five year university programs leading to diplomas
- Universities and degrees very specialized
- University admission based on national examination

#### **Cultural Revolution: 1966-76**

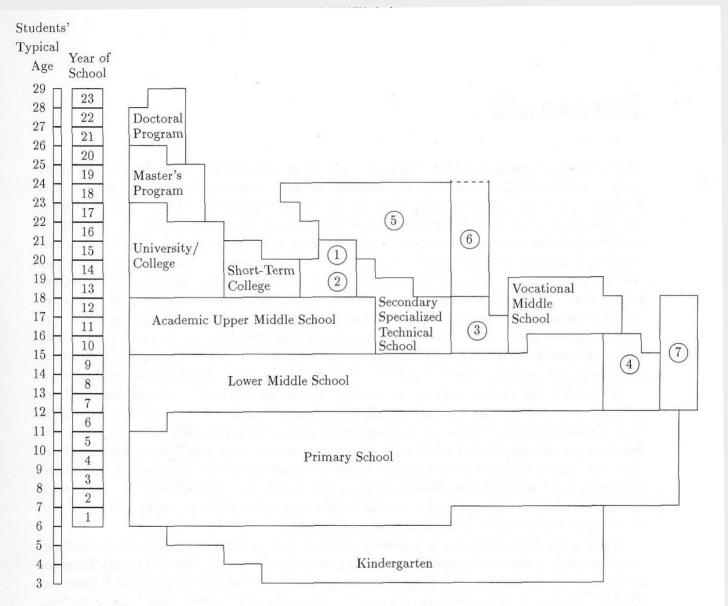
- Secondary and tertiary education discontinued
- In early 1970s, some universities reopened, but admission was politically-based
- Degrees from this time are not recognized by the Chinese Ministry of Education
- The graduating class of 1981 is the first recognized cohort after the Cultural Revolution

#### "Regularization:" 1977-present

- Government re-established academic admissions standards and entrance examinations
- Compulsory Education Law passed in 1986 requiring nine years of formal education
- Ministry of Education recognizes degrees issued from 1977 onward from recognized schools



## **Educational System of China**



- 1 Short-Cycle Vocational College
- (2) Tertiary Vocational Technical School
- 3 Skilled Workers School
- (4) Vocational Lower Middle School
- (5) TV Universities, Spare-Time Universities, Colleges of Education, Cadre Management Colleges, Peasant Universities, etc. (two to six years in length)
- (6) Self-Study Programs (can exceed six years in length)
- (7) Adult Secondary Schools, Adult Secondary Specialized Schools (full or part time)



# Just a few key characters will allow you to read most documents

- 一 /二/三/四/五Numbers
- 2008年11月7日 Dates
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- 毕业
- 学校
- 高中学
- 本科
- 专科
- 学士学位
- □ 士学位
- 博士学位

- University
- Graduation
- School
- Upper Middle School
- Upper Level (benke)
- Lower Level (zhuanke)
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree



### **Numbers and Dates**

Excerpted from ECE Presents: A Guide to Evaluating Credentials from China



## Practice Reading Numbers

广州医学院

学位评定委员会主席

才中方山 一加四年七月 日

证书编号:

5572



### Practice Reading Numbers

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广州医学院

学位评定委员会主席



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FUDAN UNIVERSITY



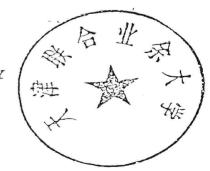
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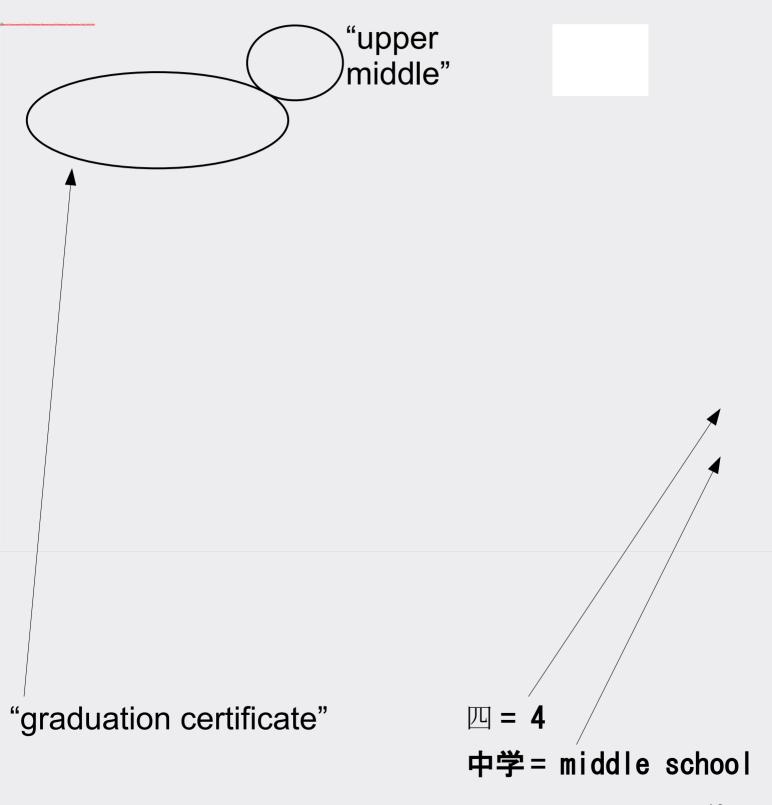
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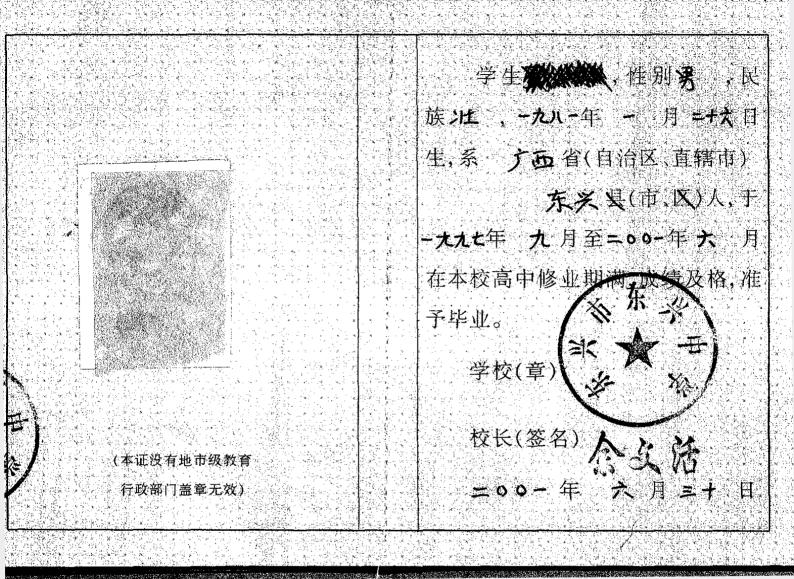
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### **Secondary Graduation Certificate**



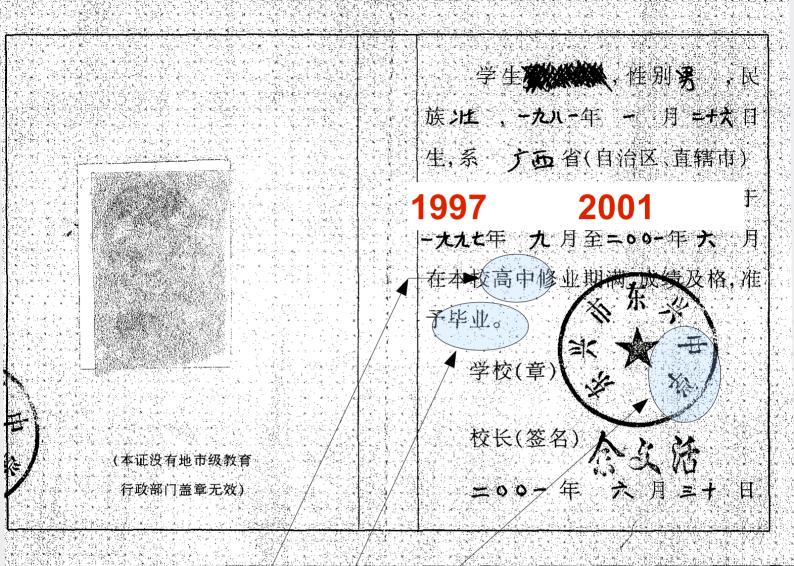




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## Postsecondary Degree Formats by Time Period

#### College Diploma (Graduation Certificate) and Degree Documentation

National logo – five stars surrounded by a wreath with curtains, appears inside on Master's and doctoral degrees but only since 1992 on Bachelor's degrees.

Bachelor's degree book – red cover, since 1998 – green cover Master's degree book – blue cover, since 1998 – navy blue cover Doctoral degree book – navy blue cover, since 1998 – burgundy cover

#### 1981

First 4-year degree university graduates from 1977 intake. Usually a diploma was issued, sometimes both a degree and a graduation certificate were issued. Photographs were on the graduation certificates.

#### 1982-84

Degrees and graduation certificates were issued as separate documents. Photographs were on the graduation certificates, but not the degrees. The format for the graduation certificate was not formalized nationally, but it was for the degree. The degree had the national logo only on the cover of the book.

#### 1985-91

Degrees and graduation certificates were combined into one document. The format was not formalized nationally. Photographs were on the document.

#### 1992-93

Degrees and graduation certificates were issued as separate documents. Photographs were on the graduation certificates, but not on the degrees. The format for the graduation certificate was not formalized nationally, but it was for the degree. The national logo appeared on the cover of the degree and inside (on the left). This degree format existed till 1997.

#### 1994-95 (Regular degree programs)

Degrees and graduation certificates were issued as separate documents. Photographs were on the graduation certificates, but not the degrees. The formats for the graduation certificates and the degrees were formalized nationally. The graduation certificates have a border with "P" surrounded by a "G" in the upper left hand corner. The degrees continued to be issued in the 1992 format.

#### 1996-97 (Regular degree programs)

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#### 1998 (Regular degree programs)

Degrees and graduation certificates were issued as separate documents. Photographs were on the graduation certificates AND (new!) the degrees. The formats for the graduation certificates and the degrees were formalized nationally (graduation certificates changed since 1996-97).

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#### 1993-98, and 1999-01 (Adult Higher Education programs)

Graduation certificates were standardized: one format was used 1993-98, and changed in 1999.



## Bachelor's Degree (1992-1997 format)





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"Bachelor's degree certificate"

"upper level (benke)"

area of study: "medicine"

"specialty"

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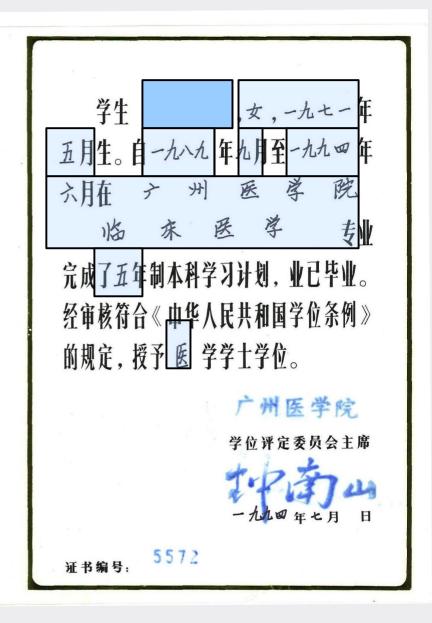


## Bachelor's Degree (1992-1997 format)



## 学士学位证书

(普通高等教育本科毕业生)



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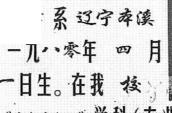


Master's Degree



顶工学位证书

人,一几八零年 四 月 二十一日生。在我 核



生物化学与今子生物学学科(专业) 已通过 硕士学位的课程考试和论文答辩,成 绩合格。根据《中华人民共和国学位 条例》的规定, 授予 理学 学位。

南京大学校长 丁女子弟

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Certificate of Master's Degree

Xiaofeng Zheng, native of Benxi, Liaoning province, born on April 21st, 1980, majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, having passed all the examinations for the Master's Degree and succeeded in defending the master dissertation, is now awarded the Master's Degree on Science, in accordance with Degree Regulations of the People's Republic of China.

President of Nanjing University: Jun Chen

Chairman of the Degree-Accessing Committee: Shusheng Jiang

Serial No.: 1028432006300047

Date of Issue: June 12, 2006







## Doctoral Degree (new 2008 format)



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The booklet is replaced by an A4-size single page. The certificates no longer provide information on place of birth and duration of study. All certificates feature the Chinese national emblem and a colour photo of the degree holder. The doctor's degree is pink, the master's degree light blue, and the bachelor's degree light green. 5 Three types of bachelor's degrees are identified at the bottom of the certificate: "regular higher education". higher education" and "international student in China". 6. Professional degrees (bacheldr, master and doctor) are identified by the wording "Professional degree certificate." at the bottom of the certificate. All certi e multiple security features. assigned a libitute 16-digit certificate number: First 5 digits: issuing body; 6th digit: Each c level (doctor: 2, master: 3, bachelor: 4) 7th to 10th digits: year Last of digits degree recipients sequential number at the degree awarding histitution. The 16-digit number is preceded by T for those who obtained their graduate degrees (u s) through an alternative to ute 4" comparable educational competence") rather than regular full tim 6-digit number is preceded by Z for professional degrees. 学士学位。 Excerpt from "New Degree Certificate Format, People's Republic of Ch resentation by Haichen Sun, IQAS 学位评定委员会主席 この八年六月十三 证书编号: 1003442008001310 (普通高等教育本科毕业生)



## Graduation Certificate (benke) Standard Format 2004

普通高等学校

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学生 性别 女, 1932年 2月15日生, 于 2000 年 9 月

至 2004 年 7月在本校

英语

专业 四 年制

本科学习, 修完教学计划规定的全部课程, 成绩合格, 准予毕业。

校

名: 中国地质大学

校 (院) 长

证书编号:

114151200405001298



查询网址: http://www.chsi.com.cn

中华人民共和国教育部监制

"upper level" - benke



### Graduation Certificate (zhuanke)

### Zhuanke 1998



Landscape format. Uniform background in sea green. Certificate number starts with "No."

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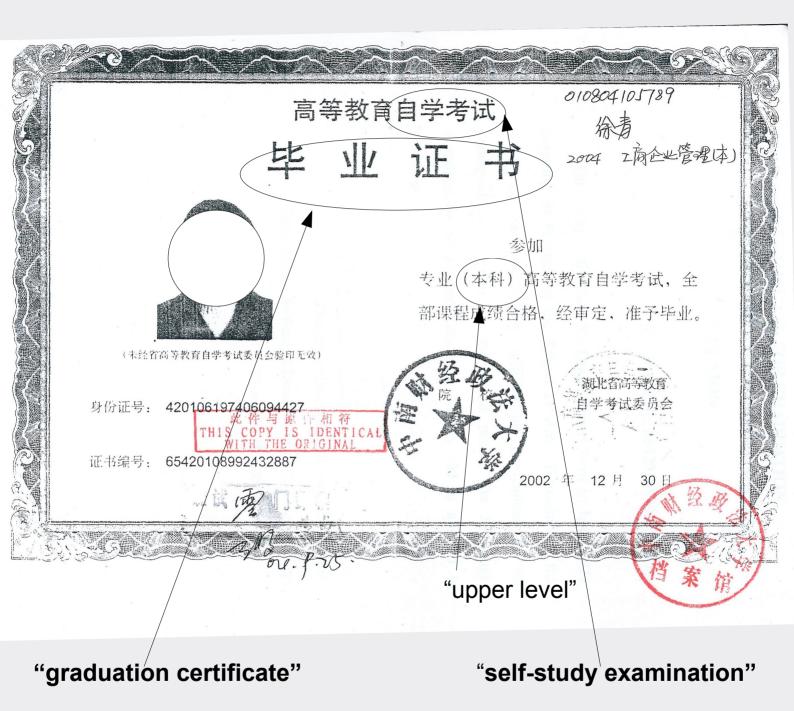
ZHENG SHU in yellow.







### Adult Self-Study Examinations (2002)



• Two seals: one for the self-study higher education committee one for the examining institution



## Combined degree & graduation certificate (1985-1991)



"graduation certificate" note last two characters are different "bachelor's degree"





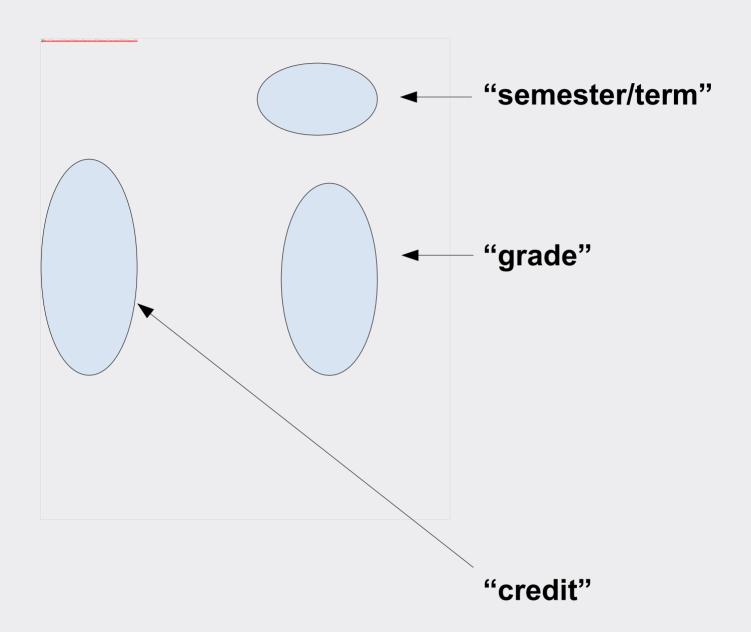


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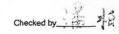
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Note 1:Two grading systems are used in University:most courses are graded A(90-100),B(80-89),C(70-79),D(60-69),F(59 or less);a few non-major courses are graded P(Pass) or F(Failure).

Note 2:Each term in the University runs for 20-22 weeks.

Note 3:The "\* is added before elective courses.



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#### **China grading scale**

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### **Case Study**

Using the glossary items in this handout and the following translation, find and circle all instances of the following words on the document:

- 1. female
- 1. upper/higher
- 1. middle school
- 1. year
- 1. month
- 1. graduation diploma/certificate





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#### **Table 38. 19 Major Educational Credentials**

Chinese	English
高中毕业证书	Certificate of Graduation from Senior Secondary School
中专毕业证书	Certificate of Graduation from Specialized Senior Secondary School
职业高中毕业证书	Certificate of Graduation from Vocational Senior Secondary School
技校毕业证书	Certificate of Graduation from Technical Workers School
专科毕业证书 (普通高等学校)	Zhuanke Certificate of Graduation (Regular Higher Education)
专科毕业证书 (成人高等教育)	Zhuanke Certificate of Graduation (Adult Higher Education)
专科毕业证书 (高等教育自学考试)	Zhuanke Certificate of Graduation (Self-Study Examinations)
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本科毕业证书 (普通高等学校)	Benke Certificate of Graduation (Regular Higher Education)
本科毕业证书 (成人高等教育)	Benke Certificate of Graduation (Adult Higher Education)
本科毕业证书 (高等教育自学考试)	Benke Certificate of Graduation (Self-Study Examinations)
专升本毕业证书 (成人高等教育)	Benke Certificate of Graduation through Upgrading Program (Adult Higher Education)
学士学位证书 (普通高等学校)	Bachelor's Degree (Regular Higher Education)
学士学位证书 (成人高等教育)	Bachelor's Degree (Adult Higher Education)
学士学位证书 (高等教育自学考试)	Bachelor's Degree (Self-Study Examinations)
硕士研究生毕业证书	Certificate of Graduation from Master's Program
硕士学位证书	Master's Degree
博士研究生毕业证书	Certificate of Graduation from Doctoral Program
——————————————— 博士学位证书	Doctor's Degree

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**Table 44. Glossary of Educational Terms** 

Category	Chinese	English
	教务处	academic affairs office/teaching administration section
	学位评定委员会	Academic Degrees Assessment Committee
	教育部学位与研究生教育发展中心	China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Centre
	教育局	education bureau [municipal or county level]
administration	教育委员会/教委	education committee [municipal level]
	教育厅	education department [provincial level]
	高等教育自学考试委员会	Higher Education Self-Study Examinations Committee
	教育部	Ministry of Education
	中华人民共和国	People's Republic of China
	中华人民共和国学位条例	Regulations on Academic Degrees of the People's Republic of China
	国务院	State Council [the central government]
	学分	academic credit
	学位	academic degree
	学年	academic year
	文科	arts and humanities subjects
	本科	benke ["undergraduate course"]
credential	证书编号	certificate number
	结业证书	certificate of completion
	毕业证书/毕业文凭	certificate of graduation
	肄业证书	certificate of incompletion/certificate of attendance
	学业证书	certificate of study
	主席	chairman







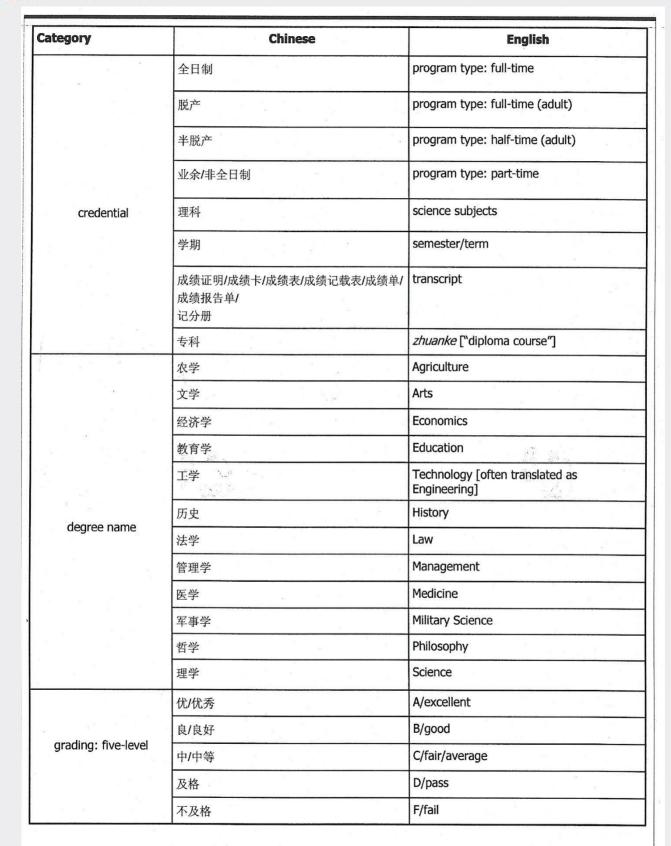
Category	Chinese	English		
	学时	class hours		
	同等学力	comparable educational competence		
	课程计划/教学计划	curriculum		
	课程	course		
	出生日期	date of birth		
credential	毕业日期	date of graduation		
	发证日期	date of issuance		
	学士学位证书	degree certificate: bachelor		
	博士学位证书	degree certificate: doctor		
	硕士学位证书	degree certificate: master		
	系	department		
	学历	educational qualification		
	研究生	graduate student/graduate study		
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	毕业会考	graduation examination		
and the state of t	高等教育自学考试	higher education self-study examinations		
	成人高等教育	higher education: adult		
	普通高等学校	higher education: regular		
	专业/主修	major/specialty		
	研究生课程进修班/ 硕士研究生课程班	master's coursework training class [non-qualification program]		
	全国成人高等学校入学考试/成人高考	National Adult College Entrance Examination		
	全国普通高等学校入学考试/高考	National College Entrance Examination		
	院长	president		
	校长	president/principal		
	学制	program length		
	函授	program type: correspondence		
	夜大学	program type: evening class		

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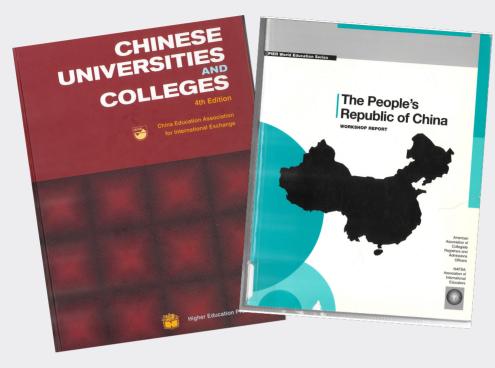


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