



Argentina

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program

(Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Licenciado** – awarded after completion of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Odontologo (Dentist)** – awarded after completion of 5 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in dentistry.
- **Ingeniero (Engineer), Veterinario (Veterinarian), Abogado (Lawyer)** – awarded after completion of 5 to 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in respective field.
- **Arquitecto (Architect)** – awarded after completion of 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in architecture.
- **Medico (Doctor)** – awarded after completion of 6 to 7 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in medicine.

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(Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Magister, Maestría, Magister Scientiae** – awarded after completion of 2 years of post-graduate study following a first degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorado** – awarded after completion of – awarded after completion of 2 to 6 years of post-graduate study following a first degree.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by national and private universities, teacher training institutes and institutions devoted to fine arts, technical and professional studies. Universities are autonomous. The Consejo Interuniversitario Nacional coordinates policies of the national universities and their relationship with public and private, national and foreign bodies; draws up proposals for the national recognition of degrees and diplomas. Private universities are autonomous but must be recognized by the State and their statutes. They may award degrees and qualifications, which are valid nationally if recognized by the central government. Over the last decade, their number has increased considerably. Since 1997, the Consejo Nacional de Evaluación y Acreditación Universitaria (CONEAU) oversees the external evaluations of all universities and provides authorization for the establishment of new universities. It also accredits graduate programs and some undergraduate programs where the public interest needs to be protected.

National Universities

- Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Universidad Nacional de Catamarca
- Universidad Nacional de Córdoba
- Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
- Universidad Nacional de Entre Ríos
- Universidad Nacional de Formosa
- Universidad Nacional de General San Martín
- Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento
- Universidad Nacional de Jujuy
- Universidad Nacional de La Matanza
- Universidad Nacional de La Pampa
- Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral
- Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia San Juan Bosco
- Universidad Nacional de La Plata
- Universidad Nacional de La Rioja
- Universidad Nacional de Lanús
- Univ. Nacional de Lomas de Zamora

- Universidad Nacional de Luján
- Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata
- Universidad Nacional de Misiones
- Universidad Nacional de Quilmes
- Universidad Nacional de Río Cuarto
- Universidad Nacional de Rosario
- Universidad Nacional de Salta
- Universidad Nacional de San Juan
- Universidad Nacional de San Luis
- Universidad Nacional de Santiago del Estero
- Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero
- Universidad Nacional de Tucumán
- Universidad Nacional de Villa María
- Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires
- Universidad Nacional del Comahue
- Universidad Nacional del Litoral
- Universidad Nacional del Nordeste
- Universidad Nacional del Sur
- Universidad Tecnológica Nacional

Private Universities

- Centro de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Exactas
- Escuela Universitaria Teología
- Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires
- Instituto Universitario de Ciencias Biomedicas de La Fundación Favalaro
- Instituto Universitario de Ciencias de La Salud
- Pontificia Univ. Católica Argebtina "Santa María de Los Buenos Aires"
- Universidad Adventista del Plata
- Universidad Argentina de La Empresa
- Universidad Argentina "John F. Kennedy"
- Universidad Austral
- Universidad Católica de Córdoba
- Universidad Católica de Cuyo
- Universidad Católica de La Plata
- Universidad Católica de Salta
- Universidad Católica de Santa Fe
- Universidad Católica de Santiago del Estero

- Universidad Champagnat
- Universidad de Belgrano
- Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales
- Universidad de Concepcion del Uruguay
- Univ. de las Fraternidades y Arrupaciones de Santo Tomas de Aquina (FASTA)
- Universidad de Mendoza
- Universidad de Moron
- Universidad de Palermo
- Universidad de San Andres
- Universidad de Aconcagua
- Universidad de Museo Social Argentino
- Univ. de Norte "Santo Tomas de Aquino"
- Universidad de Salvador
- Universidad de la Marina Mercante
- Universidad "Juan Augustin Maza"
- Universidad Maimonides
- Universidad Nortrial Argentina
- Universidad Pascal
- Universidad Torcuato di Tella



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Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Grade	10 pt scale	Description	OSU Equiv.
Sobresaliente	9.0 – 10	Excellent	A
Distinguido	7.0 – 8.9	Very Good	B+
Bueno	5.0 – 6.9	Good	B
Aprobado	4.0 – 4.9	Passing	C
Insuficiente	2.0 – 3.0	Insufficient	D
Reprobado	0.0 – 1.0	Failing	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Australia

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Degree (Honours)** – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study beyond the Year 12 Secondary Certificate.
- **Bachelor's Degree** – completion of a program of post-secondary study lasting 4 years in Education & Engineering; 5 years in Veterinary Science, Dentistry & Architecture; and 7 years in Medicine & Surgery.
- **Master's Degree (Pass)** – completion of 1 or 2 years of full time postgraduate study beyond a 3-year Bachelor's Degree.
- **Postgraduate Diploma** – completion of 1 to 2 years of postgraduate study beyond a Bachelor's Degree in a particular subject.

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- **Master's Degree** – completion of 1 to 2 years of full time postgraduate study beyond a 4-year Bachelor's Degree (Honours). It may be awarded either for full research-based activity or for courses of study combining research, project and course-work in varying proportions.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)** – completion of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's Degree.



Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Common Grading Systems

Grading systems vary by institution. The scale below is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Grade	Description	OSU Equiv.
HD	High Distinction	A
D	Distinction	A/B+
C	Credit	B
P	Pass	C
	Conceded/Terminating Pass	D
F	Failure	E

Conceded/Terminating Pass refers to a passing but unsatisfactory grade.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least High Distinction (HD) level or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Additional Information

There are three broad sectors comprising higher education: universities, colleges of advanced education (CAEs) and technical and further education institutes (TAFEs). Universities and CAEs provide the equivalent of a bachelor's degree and beyond. TAFEs provide specialized and technical further education. There are 43 higher education institutions in Australia. Thirty-eight of these receive Commonwealth funding under the Higher Education Funding Act (1988) and offer a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate and professional courses; offer doctorates, and conduct research. Universities are autonomous institutions governed by independent bodies (Council or Senates), which are responsible for the award and accreditation of the degrees and diplomas.

The state governments have ministers responsible for higher education in their state and associated ministries and departments. In general all state universities in Australia are considered to be of high, although not of uniform standard. There is emerging a self formed 'group of eight' - the Universities of Queensland, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Western Australia, New South Wales, Monash University and the Australian National University - which although the group is self- defined would be generally supported as including the best of Australia's universities. There would be vigorous debate as to whether (and which) other universities should be included.

Higher Education Institutions in Australia

Australian Catholic University	Deakin University	Queensland University of Technology	University of Queensland
Australian Defence Force Academy	Edith Cowan University	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	University of South Australia
Australian Maritime College	Flinders University of South Australia	Southern Cross University	University of Southern Queensland
Australian National University	Greenwich University, Norfolk Islands	Swinburne University of Technology	University of Sydney
Avondale College	Griffith University	University of Adelaide	University of Tasmania
Batchelor Inst. of Indigenous Tertiary Education	James Cook Univ. of North Queensland	University of Ballarat	University of Technology Sydney
Blue Mountains Int'l Hotel Management School	La Trobe University	University of Canberra	University of the Sunshine Coast
Bond University	Macquarie University	University of Melbourne	University of Western Australia
Central Queensland University	Marcus Oldham College	University of New England	University of Western Sydney
Chancery International University	Monash University	University of New South Wales	University of Wollongong
Charles Sturt University	Murdoch University	University of Newcastle	Victoria University
Curtin University of Technology	Northern Territory University	University of Notre Dame Australia	



Bangladesh

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Science in Engineering [B.Sc.Engg], Bachelor of Science in Agriculture [B.Sc.Ag.]** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond the Higher Secondary Certificate.
- **Master of Arts [M.A.], Master of Science [M.Sc.], Master's of Commerce [M.Com.]** – completion of 1 year of post-secondary study beyond a 3-year Bachelor's (Honours) Degree or completion of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a 2-year Bachelor's (Pass) Degree.
- **Bachelor of Architecture [B.Arch.]** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study beyond the Higher Secondary Certificate.
- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Science [M.B.B.S.]** – completion of 5 years of study beyond the Higher Secondary Certificate plus one year of internship.

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- **Master of Engineering [M.Engin.], Master of Science in Engineering [M.Sc. (Engin.)]** – completion of a minimum of 1½ year of post-secondary study beyond the Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.Sc.Engg.).
- **Master of Science in Agriculture [M.Sc.Ag.]** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.Sc.Ag.).
- **Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)** – completion of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a Master's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

The following credentials are usually considered to represent a level of advanced training that lies beyond the U.S. Master's degree and approach the Ph.D. level. They should always be evaluated on an individual basis with attention given to the quality of the doctoral dissertation.

- **Doctor of Philosophy [Ph.D.]** – completion of a minimum of 3 years of post-graduate study beyond the Master's degree. Candidates must submit a thesis after research.



Official transcripts consist of mark sheets issued by university controllers of examinations, registrars, or state boards of technical examinations for each year of a program, indicating all subjects and marks. Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Additional Information

Higher education institutions include public and private universities, institutes of technology and colleges. The universities are divided into four categories: general, special, open and affiliating. In affiliating systems, the teaching is carried out in the colleges while curriculum and examinations are controlled by the universities. Government grants constitute nearly 95% of the income of the universities. They are provided by the University Grants Commission. Tuition fees provide the other main source of funding.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Percent	Description	OSU Equiv.
60 – 100	1 st Division Pass	A
51 – 59	2 nd Division Pass	B+
53 – 56	2 nd Division Pass	B
51 – 52	2 nd Division Pass	B-
47 – 50	2 nd Division Pass	C+
45 – 46	2 nd Division Pass	C
40 – 44	3 rd Division Pass	C-
33 – 39	3 rd Division Pass	D
00 – 32	Fail	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Division Pass or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Public Universities

Dhaka University
Rajshahi University
Bangladesh Agricultural University
Bangladesh Univ. of Engr. & Tech.
University of Chittagong
Jahangirnagar University
Islamic University
Shahjalal Univ. of Science & Tech.
Khulna University
National University
Bangladesh Open University
Bangabandhu Agricultural Univ.
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Medical Univ.

Private Universities

North South University
Univ. of Science & Technology
Independent University
Central Women's University
Darul Ihsan University
Int'l Univ. of Business, Agriculture & Technology (IUBAT)
Int'l Islamic University Chittagong
Ahsanullah Univ. of Sci. & Tech.
American Int'l University
The University of Comilla
Asian University of Bangladesh
East - West University

The University of Asia Pacific
Queens University
Gano Bishwabidyalaya
The People's Univ. of Bangladesh
Dhaka Int'l University
Brac University
Manarat Int'l University
Bangladesh University
Leading University
Univ. of Development Alternative
Begum Gulchemonara Trust Univ.
Premier University
Sylhet University
South East University

Stamford University
Daffodil International Univ.
State Univ. of Bangladesh
City University
IBAIS University
America Bangladesh Univ.
Prime University
Northern Univ. - Bangladesh
Green University
Southern University
Pundra Univ. of Sci. & Tech.
World University of Bangladesh
Santa Mariam Univ. of Creative Tech.

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh: <http://www.ugc.org/>



Brazil

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bacharel (Bachelor's Degree)** – completion of 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study. The more prestigious of the undergraduate degrees.
- **Licenciado (Licentiate)** – completion of a minimum of 4 years of post-secondary study needed for admission. The *licenciado* is offered in fields related to education and teaching.
- **Titulo Profissional (Professional Title)** – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study in a professional field.

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- **Mestre (Master's Degree)** – awarded upon completion of a minimum of 1 year's study following the *Bacharel* or *Licenciado* plus a thesis. Comparable to a U.S. Master's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doutor (Doctorate)** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of further study beyond the *Mestre* plus a thesis.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided in federal, state, municipal, confessional and private universities and other institutions, foundations, federations and independent establishments. The universities are composed of faculties or schools; their internal organization is based on the departamento, which is linked to schools, faculties or centers. The two supreme bodies are the Conselho Universitario (University Council) and the Conselho de Ensino e Pesquisa (Council for Graduate Studies and Research). The main characteristic of university administration is its collegial functioning. Federations are associations of institutions, which offer more varied, better-integrated courses and greater administrative efficiency. The higher education institutions consist of faculties, schools, centers, academies or institutes, which offer instruction in one or two subjects. The two main bodies responsible for postgraduate education, science and technology are the Fundação da Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES) and the Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq). All levels of higher education use the semester system. The National Council for Education (CNE) was recently created to replace the Federal Council for Education.



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Common Grading Systems

Each university is autonomous in determining its grading scale. The grading scale used by a university is often indicated on the official transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Description	Translation	Numeric	OSU Equiv
<i>Excelente</i>	Excellent	9.0 – 10.0	A
<i>Bom</i>	Good	7.0 – 8.9	B
<i>Regular</i>	Average	5.0 – 6.9	C
<i>Insuficiente</i>	Insufficient	3.0 – 4.9	D
<i>Deficiente</i>	Deficient	0.0 – 2.9	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Brazil

Anhembi Morumbi
 Centro de Ensino Unificado de Brasília
 Centro de Estudos Superiores de Londrina
 Escola de Admin. de Empresas São Paulo
 Escola Federal de Engenharia de Itajuba
 Escola Politécnica de Pernambuco
 Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing
 Escola Técnica Federal de Goiás
 Escola Técnica Federal do Ceará
 Escola Técnica Federal do Rio Grande do Norte
 Faculdade Carioca
 Faculdade da Cidade
 Fundação Gildasio Amado
 Instituto Adventisa de Ensino
 Instituto Militar de Engenharia
 Pontifícia Univ. Católica de Campinas
 Pontifícia Univ. Católica de São Paulo
 Pontifícia Univ. Católica do Paraná

Pontifícia Univ. Católica do Rio de Janeiro
 Pontifícia Univ. Católica do Rio Grande do Sul
 Univ. da Amazônia
 Univ. Bandeirante de São Paulo
 Univ. Candido Mendes
 Univ. Castelo Branco
 Univ. Católica de Brasília
 Univ. Católica de Pelotas
 Univ. Católica de Pernambuco
 Univ. Católica Dom Bosco
 Univ. Cidade de São Paulo
 Univ. da Região da Campanha
 Univ. de Brasília
 Univ. de Fortaleza
 Univ. de Mogi das Cruzes
 Univ. de Passo Fundo
 Univ. de Santa Cruz do Sul
 Univ. de Sao Paulo
 Univ. do Amazonas
 Univ. do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
 Univ. do Extremo Sul Catarinense
 Univ. do Grande Rio

Univ. do Sul de Santa Catarina
 Univ. do Vale do Paraíba
 Univ. Estadual de Paraíba
 Univ. Estadual de Campinas
 Univ. Estadual de Londrina
 Univ. Estadual de Maringa
 Univ. Estadual de Ponta Grossa
 Univ. Estadual do Ceará
 Univ. Estadual do Norte Fluminense
 Univ. Estadual do Sudoeste da Bahia
 Univ. Estadual Paulista
 Univ. Estácio de Sá
 Univ. Gama Filho
 Univ. Ibirapuera
 Univ. Mackenzie
 Univ. Metodista de Piracicaba
 Univ. Regional Integrada do Alto Uruguai e das Missões
 Univ. São Marcos
 Univ. Vale do Acaarau
 União Pioneira de Integração Social

Universidade Federal
 Universidade Federal da Bahia
 Universidade Federal de Alagoas
 Universidade Federal de Goiás
 Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora
 Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
 Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto
 Universidade Federal de Pelotas
 Universidade Federal de Pernambuco
 Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina
 Universidade Federal de Santa Maria
 Universidade Federal de São Carlos
 Universidade Federal de Uberlândia
 Universidade Federal de Viçosa
 Universidade Federal do Ceará
 Universidade Federal do Espírito Sant
 Universidade Federal do Paraná
 Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
 Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte
 Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul
 Universidade Federal Fluminense



Bulgaria

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Diplom za Zavarsheno Visshe Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Higher Education)** – completion of 4 to 5½ years of post-secondary education.
- **Bakalavr (Bachelor's Degree)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study. This is a degree created by the Higher Education Act of 1995. However, there are some fields where the Bachelor does not exist and where studies lead directly to the second stage of studies (Master's Degree level).

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- **Kandidat na Naukite (Candidate of the Sciences)** – completion of a minimum of 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a *Diplom za Zavarsheno Visshe Obrazovanie* (Diploma of Completed Higher Education). Considered to represent a level of achievement beyond a U.S. master's degree and may be comparable to the requirement approaching a U.S. doctoral degree.
- **Magistr (Master's Degree)** – completion of 1 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Bakalavr* (Bachelor's Degree). Students are usually required to complete a thesis and pass a state examination.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktor na Naukite (Doctor of Sciences)** – completion of typically 3 years of study beyond the *Kandidat na Naukite* (Candidate of the Sciences). Represents recognition of published post-doctoral scholarly research.
- **Doktor (Doctor)** – This stage is the third degree in the higher education system and leads to the title of Doktor. It is obtained on the basis of individual research and after the defense of a thesis.

Universities in Bulgaria

Academy of Economics "Dimitur A. Tscenov"	National Academy of Arts	University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy
Agricultural University of Plovdiv	National Sports Academy Sofia	University of Economics Varna
American University in Bulgaria	New Bulgarian University	University of Forestry Sofia
Bourgas Free University	Shoumen University "Konstantin Preslavski"	University of Medicine Varna
Bourgas University "Prof. Assen Zlatarov"	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"	University of Mining and Geology "St. Ivan Rilski"
Higher Institute of Food and Flavour Industries	South-West University "Neofit Rilski"	University of National and World Economy
Higher Medical Institute of Plevan	State Academy of Music "Pantcho Vladigerov"	University of Plovdiv
Higher Medical Institute of Plovdiv	Technical University of Gabrovo	University of Rousse
Medical University of Sofia	Technical University of Sofia	Varna Free University
Military University Shoumen	Technical University of Varna	Veliko Turnovo University "Cyril and Methodius"
National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts "Krustju Sarafov"	Trakia University Stara Zagora	
	University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy	



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, institutes and academies. Higher education is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Science. Some universities are private. Education is based on the Law on Higher Education (1995) and the Law on Scientific Degrees and Scientific Titles (latest amendments 1996). Post-secondary institutions have academic autonomy. In 1995, the National Assembly approved five new private higher education institutions.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Numeric	Bulgarian	Description	OSU Equiv
6	Otlichen	Excellent	A
5	Mnogo Dobur	Very Good	A-/B+
4	Dobur	Good	B
3	Sreden	Sufficient	C
2	Slab	Fail	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 5.4 on a 6 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Cameroon

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Maîtrise** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study (1 year beyond the *Licence*).
- **Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées/DES** – completion of 1 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Licence*.
- **Diplôme d'Ingénieur Agronome** – completion of 2 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Diplome d'Etudes Scientifiques Generales Agronomiques/DESGA*.
- **Certificate d'Aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Secondaire/CAPES** – completion of 2 years of study beyond the *Certificate d'Aptitude au Professorat des Colleges d'Enseignement General* or 1 year of study beyond the *Licence*.
- **Diplome d'Administration des Enterprise** – completion of 1 year of study beyond the *Licence*.
- **Certificate d'Aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Technique/CAPET** – completion of 1 year of study beyond the *Licence*.
- **Diplôme d'Ingénieur de Conception** – completion of 3 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Diplome d'Etudes Scientifiques Generales/DESG* or 5 years of full-time post-secondary study beyond the *Baccalaureate* or GCE A-levels.

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- **Doctorat de Troisieme Cycle** – completion of 1 to 2 years of study beyond the *Maîtrise*.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorat d'Etat** – holders of the *Doctorat de Troisieme Cycle* are eligible for the *Doctorat d'Etat* upon submission of a thesis.

Institutions of Higher Education in Cameroon

Centre Universitaire de Buea
 Centre Universitaire de Douala
 Ecole Normale Supérieure de l'Enseignement Techniques
 Ecole Supérieure des Science Economiques et Commerciales
 Centre Universitaire de Dschang
 Centre Universitaire de Ngaoundere
 Université de Yaounde
 Centre National d'Administration et de Magistrature (CENAM)



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Additional Information

Cameroon has a dual education system having both French and British influences. Four-fifths of the country follows the French system, while one-fifth follow the British system. Each system has its own structure and schools and grants its own degrees. Higher education is provided mainly by universities, specialized institutions and schools. The Minister in charge of higher education takes final policy decisions regarding universities, although each university has a governing council. Councils have responsibility for personnel recruitment. The creation of new departments, degrees, courses and changes in regulations must receive ministerial consent. Each university receives a budget from the State. Several higher education institutions do not fall directly under the Ministry of Higher Education, but the Minister must ascertain that they meet academic standards.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Numeric	Description	OSU Equiv
16 – 20	tres bien	A
14 – 15	bien	A
12 – 13	assez bien	B
10 – 11	passable	C
00 – 09	ehec	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 18 on a 20 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Canada

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's degree** – completion of 4 or 5 years of postsecondary work. Sometimes designated as "Honours", "Four-year" or "Advanced".
- **Bachelor of Education** – completion of 1 year of additional study beyond a 3 or 4 year bachelor's degree.
- **Bachelor of Laws [LL.B./B.Laws]** – First professional degree in law. Completion of 2 to 3 years of study beyond a bachelor's degree.

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- **Master's degree** – completion of 1 or 2 years of study beyond a four-year bachelor's degree. Students with a 3-year bachelors degree have to complete a "qualifying year" to be eligible to enter a master's degree program.
- **Master of Philosophy [M.Phil.]** – completion of 2 years of research beyond a master's degree. Often leads to a doctoral degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – completion of at least 2 years of study beyond a master's degree.



Canada issues official educational documents in English except for Quebec, which issues documents in French. Official credentials are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Additional Information

Higher education in Canada is the constitutional responsibility of the provinces. The two main types of institutions providing higher education are universities and colleges of applied arts and technology (CAATs). Universities are degree-granting institutions. CAATs provide technical and vocational programs usually leading to a Certificate or Diploma.

Common Grading Systems

There is no standard grading system used by all Canadian postsecondary institutions. Most postsecondary institutions use some variant of an alphabetical or percent grading scale. The grade scale used by a specific institution is usually described on the back of its official transcript or on a supplementary sheet included with the transcript. The grade scale listed below is the most common seen for universities in Ontario.

Percent	Letter	Comments	OSU Equiv
80-100	A	1 st Class Honors	A
70-79	B	2 nd Class Honors	B
60-69	C	Satisfactory	C
50-59	D	Pass	D
0-49	F	Failure	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least an 88% or 1st Class Honors or the equivalent to a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Ontario

Brock University
 Carleton University
 College Dominicain de Philosophie et de Theologie
 Lakehead University
 Laurentian University
 McMaster University
 Queen's University at Kingston
 Ryerson Polytechnical Institute
 Trent University
 University of Guelph
 University of Ottawa
 University of Toronto
 University of Waterloo
 University of Western Ontario
 University of Windsor
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 York University

Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology

Algonquin College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Canbrian College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Canadore College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Centennial College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Conestoga College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Confederation College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Durham College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Fanshawe College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 George Brown College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Georgian College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Humber College of Applied Arts & Tech.

Lambton College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Loyalist College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Mohawk College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Niagara College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Northern College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Sault College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Seneca College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Sheridan College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Tech.
 St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts & Tech.

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
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 Ministry of Education, Ontario: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/>



Canada - Quebec

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Baccalarium, Baccalareat, Bachelier, or Bacheliere [Bachelor's degree]** – completion of 3 to 5 years of postsecondary study beyond the *Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales* [DEC].

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Magister, Maitre or Maitrise [Master's degree]** – completion of 1½ to 2 years of study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorat de philosophie, Doctorem philosophiae [Doctor of Philosophy]** – completion of 2 to 3 years of study beyond a Master's degree.
- **Doctorat en droit [Doctor of Law]** – completion of 3 years of study beyond a Master's degree.

Additional Information

In Canada, higher education is the constitutional responsibility of the provinces. In Quebec, higher education is delivered by universities and colleges. Each university is autonomous with respect to academic and financial management. The Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Science (Ministry of Higher Instruction and of Science) provides funding for all universities. Students planning to attend university must complete a two-year pre-university program at a college.

Universities in Quebec

Bishop's University
Concordia University
Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales
Ecole Polytechnique
McGill University
Université de Montréal
Université du Québec
Université de Sherbrooke
Université Laval

Of these universities, Bishop's University, Concordia University and McGill University use English as the language of instruction.



Canada issues official educational documents in English except for Quebec, which issues documents in French. Official credentials are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Common Grading Systems

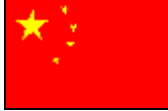
There is no standard grading system used by all Canadian postsecondary institutions. Most postsecondary institutions use some variant of an alphabetical or percent grading scale. The grade scale used by a specific institution is usually described on the back of its official transcript or on a supplementary sheet included with the transcript. Below is a summary of the most common grading scales seen from Quebec universities.

University of Montreal				Bishop's University		
Percent	Comment	Meaning	OSU	Percent	Comment	OSU
80-100	<i>excellent</i>	excellent	A	80-100	1 st Class	A
70-79	<i>bon</i>	good	B	65-79	2 nd Class	B
60-69	<i>satisfaisant</i>	satisfactory	C	50-64	3 rd Class	C
50-59	<i>passable</i>	passing	D	0-49	Failure	E
0-49	<i>echec</i>	failure	E			

McGill Univ.			Univ. of Quebec			Concordia Univ.	
Percent	OSU	Grade	Value	Meaning	Grade	Value	
85-100	A	A	4.0	<i>excellent</i>	A+	4.3	
80-84	A-	B	3.0	<i>tres bien</i>	A	4.0	
75-79	B+	C	2.0	<i>bien</i>	A-	3.7	
70-74	B	D	1.0	<i>passable</i>	B+	3.3	
65-69	B-	E	0.0	<i>echec</i>	B	3.0	
60-64	C+				B-	2.7	
55-59	C				C+	2.3	
50-54	D				C	2.0	
00-49	E				C-	1.7	
					D+	1.3	
					D	1.0	
					D-	0.7	
					F	0.0	

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least an 88% or 1st Class or the equivalent to a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



China

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Bachelor's Degree (*Xueshi*)** – 4 to 5 years of post-secondary education.
- **Bachelor's Degree in Medicine** – 4 to 7 years of post-secondary education.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Master's Degree (*Shoshi*)** – 2 to 3 years of study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctoral Degree (*Boshi*)** – minimum of 3 years following a Master's Degree.

Additional Information

Tertiary institutions in China tend to be specialized rather than comprehensive, and programs of instruction are quite narrow. With more than 700 colleges and universities it is useful to distinguish between "ordinary" and "key" school.

"Key" schools receive more resources from the government, and are able to be more selective in their admissions, have better teaching and research facilities, more qualified faculty and better quality of instruction.



Most institutions of higher education will provide official academic records in Chinese with English translations. Official transcripts should come directly from the Chinese institution in a sealed envelope. Transcripts should have the official seal of the institution stamped in red ink as well as the signature of the official responsible for the documents.

Common Grading Systems

The standard grading system in China is based on a 5-point scale. These grades can either be shown as a letter grade (A – F), a percentage (100-0) or as a number (5-1).

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Percent	5pt Scale	English	OSU Equiv
85-100	5	Excellent	A
75-84	4	Good	B
60-74	3	Average	C
	2	Below avg.	D
0-59	1	Fail	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 4.5 on a 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Top Sending Institutions at OSU

- Tsinghua University
- Peking University
- Wuhan University
- Nan'kai University
- Nanjing University
- Fudan University
- Univ of Science & Tech of China
- Tongji University
- Chinese Academy of Science
- Zhejiang University

Top National Key Institutions

Top Technology Universities

- Univ of Science & Technology of China
- Tianjin University
- Beijing Univ of Aeronautics & Astronautics
- Harbin Institute of Technology
- Beijing Institute of Technology
- Tongji University
- Dalian University of Technology
- South China University of Technology
- Northwest Polytechnic University
- Beijing Science & Technology University

Top Language Universities

- Beijing Foreign Language University
- Shanghai International Studies Univ.
- Beijing International Studies University
- Beijing Broadcast College
- Guangdong Foreign Language & Trade Univ.

Top Education Universities

- Beijing Normal University
- East China Normal University

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific
 Netbig – Chinese University Ranking 2001: rank2001.netbig.com/en/phb_01_0.htm



Colombia

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Licenciado (Licentiate)** – awarded after completion of a minimum of 4 years (8 semesters) of post-secondary study following the *Bachillerato*.
- **Doctor en Medicina (Medicine), en Medicina y Veterinaria (Veterinary Medicine), en Odontología (Dentistry)** – awarded after the completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study following the *Bachillerato*. Considered the first professional degree in the respective field.
- **Especialista (Specialist)** – awarded after completion of a 1 to 4 year specialist program following the *Licenciado* or other first degree. Usually offered in practical or applied disciplines such as medicine and dentistry but are also available in other fields of study including business administration, chemistry, education, engineering and law. Specialist programs usually do not require any research or a thesis

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Magister, Magister Scientiae, Maestría, Master (Master's degree)** – awarded after completion of at least 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the *Licenciado* with emphasis on research and defense of a thesis. Considered comparable to a U.S. master's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor (Doctorate)** – awarded after completion of 2 to 3 years of post-graduate study with research beyond the *Magister* (Master's Degree).



Official credentials are issued in the original language. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by university institutions, Institutes of Technology, Technical Professional Institutions and Military Academies. The first three types include both official and private institutions. In university institutions, each faculty is divided into departments. Distance education is provided by universities and regional centers. Higher education comes under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education through the Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior (ICFES). The Consejo Nacional de Educación Superior, which is also linked to the Ministry, defines the policies of development of higher education; organizes the National System of Information, state examinations and the creation of higher education institutions, as well as the funding of academic programs.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Numeric	Description	OSU Equiv.
4.60 - 5.00	Extremely high (rarely given)	A
4.00 - 4.59	Excellent	A
3.50 - 3.99	Good	B
3.00 - 3.49	Sufficient	C
0.00 - 2.90	Failure	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 4.5 on a 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Institutions of Higher Education in Colombia

Colegio de Estudios Superiores de Administración	Univ. Antonio Nariño	Univ. de América Bogotá	Universidad del Norte	Univ. Libre de Colombia
Conservatorio del Tolima	Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga	Universidad de Antioquia	Universidad del Quindío	Universidad Mariana
Corporación Univ. de Ibagué	Univ. Autónoma de Colombia	Universidad de Bogotá "Jorge Tadeo Lozano"	Universidad del Rosario	Universidad Metropolitana
Corporación Univ. de la Costa	Univ. Autónoma de Manizales	Universidad de Caldas	Universidad del Tolima	Universidad Militar Nueva Granada
Corporación Univ. de Santander	Univ. Autónoma de Occidente	Universidad de Cartagena	Univ. del Valle del Cauca	Univ. Nacional Abierta y a Distancia
Corporación Univ. Tecnológica de Bolívar	Univ. Autónoma del Caribe	Universidad de Córdoba	Universidad Distral	Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Escuela de Policía "General Santander"	Universidad Autónoma Latinoamericana	Universidad de La Sabana	"Francisco José de Caldas"	Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
Escuela Superiore de Administración Pública	Univ. Católica de Colombia	Universidad de La Salle	Universidad EAFIT	Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia
Fundación Univ. de Boyacá	Univ. Católica de Manizales	Universidad de Los Andes	Universidad El Bosque	Universidad Piloto de Colombia
Fundación Univ. Manuela Beltrán	Universidad Católica del Norte	Universidad de Manizales	Universidad Externado de Colombia	Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana
Fundación Univ. San Martín	Univ. Católica del Oriente	Universidad de Medellín	Universidad Francisco de Paula Santander	Universidad Popular del Cesar
Politécnico Colombiano "Jaime Isaza Cadavid"	Universidad Católica Popular del Risaralda	Universidad de Nariño	Universidad ICESI	Universidad Santiago de Cali
Politécnico Grancolombiano	Universidad Central	Univ. de San Buenaventura	Univ. INCCA de Colombia	Universidad Santo Tomás
Pontificia Univ. Javeriana	Universidad Central del Valle del Cauca	Universidad de Sucre	Universidad Industrial de Santander	Universidad Sergio Arboleda
Univ. Adventista de Colombia	Univ. Cooperativa de Colombia	Universidad del Atlántico	Univ. La Gran Colombia	Universidad Surcolombiana
		Universidad del Cauca		Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira
				Universidad Tecnológica del Choco
				"Diego Luis Cordoba"



Cyprus (Greek-Cypriot)

The island of Cyprus includes two separate and distinct communities. The Greek-Cypriot community is located in the south and the Turkish-Cypriot community is located in the north. Each community has a distinct educational structure and will therefore be dealt with separately.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's degree (*Ptycho*)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's degree** – completion of 2 years of further study beyond a 4 year Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorate degree** – completion 2 to 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's degree.



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Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

University of Cyprus 10-pt scale	OSU Equiv.	Higher Technical Institute Percent scale	OSU Equiv.
8.0 – 10.0	A	85 – 100	A
6.0 – 7.9	B	75 – 84	B
5.0 – 5.9	C	65 – 74	C
0.0 – 4.9	E	55 – 64	D
		50 – 54	E
		00 – 49	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Additional Information

The University of Cyprus, which opened in September 1992 comprises four schools (Humanities and Social Sciences, Pure and Applied Sciences, Economics and Management and Letters). Studies are organized in semesters, and subjects taught are counted in credits. Degrees last at least eight semesters. As of September 1987, a Law to regulate the establishment, control and operation of tertiary institutions was enacted by Parliament. According to this Law, all private tertiary institutions have to register with the Ministry of Education and Culture. However, registration does not imply recognition of their degrees.

The first stage of higher education lasts three years in tertiary education institutions and four years at the University of Cyprus, leading to the award of a Certificate or a Diploma (*Ptycho* in the University, also called Bachelor). At the University of Cyprus, the system of education is based on credit units. A prerequisite for the award of a degree is the acquisition of 120-130 credit units. After completion of the first stage, graduates may follow a two-year post-graduate course in specific institutions leading to a Postgraduate Diploma. The University of Cyprus confers a Master's Degree two years after the Bachelor's Degree in most fields except Turkish studies. The University of Cyprus also confers a Doctorate (Ph.D.) in some fields of study after studies lasting at least three years beyond the Master's Degree.



Cyprus (Turkish-Cypriot)

The island of Cyprus includes two separate and distinct communities. The Greek-Cypriot community is located in the south and the Turkish-Cypriot community is located in the north. Each community has a distinct educational structure and will therefore be dealt with separately.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's degree (*Diplomasi*)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- No Information Available

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- No Information Available

Additional Information

The Higher Technological Institute, Famagusta, was upgraded in 1986 and renamed the University of the Eastern Mediterranean. Its courses are accredited by the Turkish Higher Education Council. The University of the Eastern Mediterranean offers a preparatory year, which has, since 1988, been devoted entirely to courses in the English language to enable prospective students to move into undergraduate courses, all of which are conducted in English. There is also the Lefke Aurupali Üniversitesi (Lefke European University), the Uluslararası Amerikalı Üniversitesi (International American University) and the Yakim Dogu Üniversitesi (Near East University). The Cypriot Government does not recognize these institutions, except for the International American University.



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Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Eastern Mediterranean University

Numeric	OSU Equiv.
4.00	A
3.70	A-
3.30	B+
3.00	B
2.70	B-
2.30	C+
2.00	C
1.70	C-
1.30	D+
1.00	D
0.70	D-
0.00	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination
GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Egypt

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Bakalorus (Bachelor's degree)** – completion of 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor's degree in Dentistry, Bachelor's degree in Dental Medicine and Surgery, Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery [M.B.Ch.B.], Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine [B.V.M.Sc.]** – completion of 5 to 6 years of post-secondary study. Considered the first professional degree in related field.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Diploma of Graduate Studies, Diploma of Higher Studies** – completion of 1 to 2 additional years of study following a Bachelor's degree. Does not lead to further post-graduate study.
- **Majiser (Master's Degree)** – completion of 2 to 3 years of post-secondary study including individual research work culminating in the submission of a thesis.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor (Ph.D. degree)** – completion of at least 2 years of post-graduate study following the *Majiser* (Master's Degree). Students must have obtained the mark "good" in the Master's Degree. It is awarded for advanced research work culminating in a thesis.
- **Doctor of Science (D.Sc. degree)** - In certain rare cases a degree of Doctor of Science is awarded after the *Doctor* (Ph.D. degree). It is reserved for researchers who have undertaken a substantial body of research work.



Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by some 20 universities and by higher institutes of technical and professional training, both public and private. Responsibility for higher education lies mainly with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Organization and administration, as well as academic programs, are determined by laws, decrees and government regulations. The State universities are under the authority of the Supreme Council of Universities. Open college education was introduced at the universities of Cairo, Alexandria and Assiut in 1991. Private universities are entitled to implement their own criteria of admission and to set fees without intervention from the Ministry.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Percent	Meaning	OSU Equiv.
85 - 100	Excellent or Distinction	A
75 - 84	Very good	B
65 - 74	Good	C
50 - 64	Pass - Fair	D
30 - 49	Weak or Poor	E
0 - 30	Very Weak or Very Poor	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

State Universities

Ain Shams University	Menoufiya University
Al-Azhar University	Minia University
Alexandria University	South Valley University
Assiut University	Suez Canal University
Cairo University	Tanta University
Helwan University	Zagazig University
Mansoura University	

Private Universities

Misr International University
Misr University for Science & Technology
October University for Modern Science & Arts

Other Egyptian Universities

Arab Academy for Science and Technology
American University in Cairo
Cairo American College
City University Egypt



France

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Maîtrise** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study (1 year beyond the *Licence*, 2 years beyond the *DEUG*)
- **Certificat d'Aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Secondaire (CAPES) or Certificat d'Aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Technique (CAPET)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study (1 year beyond the *Licence*, 2 years beyond the *DEUG*) plus typically 1 year of practical teaching.
- **Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Commerciales, Administratives et Financières (DESCAF) or Diplôme des Grandes Ecoles** (Diploma from a Grande Ecole) – completion of 3 years of post-secondary study following 1 year of *classe préparatoire* with *concours* (preparatory year with a competitive exam). Represents 4 years total of post-secondary study.
- **Diplôme d'Ingenieur** (Diploma of Engineer) – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study (3 years beyond the *DEUG/DUT*)
- **Diplôme d'Architecte** (Diploma of Architecture) – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in Architecture.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)** (Diploma of Advanced Studies) – completion of 1 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Maîtrise*, the *Diplôme d'Ingénieur*, or a *Diplôme des Grandes Ecoles*.
- **Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées (DESS)** (Diploma of Higher Specialized Studies) – 1 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Maîtrise*.
- **Mastère** – completion of 1 year of further study beyond the *Diplôme des Grandes Ecoles* in business, *Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Commerciales, Administratives et Financières (DESCAF)*, *Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)* or *Diplôme d'Ingénieur*.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorat** – completion of 2 to 4 years of post-graduate study beyond the *Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)*.

Universities issue records known as *relevé de notes* for each year of study. These records list the subjects studied, examinations taken and results obtained. When a student has completed a cycle or a given diploma program, a certificate of graduation and a complete transcript may be obtained. While official diplomas are not immediately issued, provisional certificates, known as *attestations*, are readily available. An *attestation* is a formal document bearing the signature of the secretary general and the seal of the university.



Official transcripts (*relevé de notes*) are issued in French. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

Additional Information

Higher education in France is characterized by a dual system: it is provided in universities open to a large number of students, whose programs are generally geared towards research and its applications and it is provided in Grandes Ecoles and other professional higher education institutions with selective admission policies. Whereas most institutions come under the responsibility of the Ministry of Youth, Education and Research, some Grandes Ecoles come under other Ministries. Universities are made up of units offering curricula in academic fields. The Grandes Ecoles offer a high standard of professional education in three or more years after two years of preparatory classes and the passing of a very selective competitive entrance examination (*concours*). They offer scientific training, teacher training or advanced business studies. Five Catholic higher education institutes prepare for either national and professional diplomas or church diplomas. National diplomas are conferred by universities.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Percent	French	OSU Equiv
16 – 20	tres bien	A
14 – 15	bien	A
12 – 13	assez bien	B
10 – 11	passable	C
8 – 9	*considered passing if entire year was passed.	D
0 – 7	adjourne	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 18 on a 20 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Germany

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Diplom** – degree awarded in science, psychology, and social sciences after 3 to 4 years of post-secondary study following the *Abitur*. The *Vordiplom* (intermediate examination) is awarded after four semesters of basic studies (*Grundstudium*) and grants the student access to two to four semesters of advanced studies (*Hauptstudium*) leading to the *Diplom* degree.
- **Magister Artium** – degree awarded in humanities after 3 to 4 years of post-secondary study following the *Abitur*. The *Zwischenprüfung* (intermediate examination) is awarded after four semesters of basic studies (*Grundstudium*) and grants the student access to two to four semesters of advanced studies (*Hauptstudium*) leading to the *Magister Artium* degree.
- **Staatsexamen** – degree awarded in medicine, pharmacology, law, and teaching after 3 to 4 years of post-secondary study following the *Abitur*. The *Zwischenprüfung* (intermediate examination) is awarded after four semesters of basic studies (*Grundstudium*) and grants the student access to two to four semesters of advanced studies (*Hauptstudium*) leading to the *Staatsexamen* degree.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Diplom, Magister Artium, Staatsexamen** from a University – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study from a University, may yield transfer credit for work completed during the final year of study, determined through a course-by-course analysis.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktor** – degree awarded after 2 to 4 years of doctoral study (*Promotion*) consisting of independent research and the submission and defense of a thesis, following the award of the *Diplom, Staatsexamen, or Magister Artium*.
- **Habilitation** – The Habilitation is a post-doctoral qualification proving ability to teach and engage in research in an academic subject, awarded by the departments of universities usually on the basis of a post-doctoral thesis and a public lecture. Following the amendment of the Framework Act for Higher Education in 2002, the Habilitation will be phased out as a recruitment requirement for professors.



Official credentials are issued in the original language. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

Additional Information

The *Vordiplom* or *Zwischenprüfung* is acceptable for graduate admission provided the student completes an additional year of university work in courses which show a continuation of the first stage of study (*Grundstudium*) on into the final stage of university study (*Hauptstudium*).

Alongside this one-tier system, a two-tier system leading to a Bachelor's degree (BA/BSc) after three to four years and a Master's degree (MA/MSc) after another one to two years has been recently introduced.

Common Grading Systems

Numeric	German	Meaning	OSU Equiv.
1.0 – 1.5	<i>Sehr Gut</i>	very good	A
1.6 – 2.5	<i>Gut</i>	good	A- to B+
2.6 – 3.5	<i>Befriedigend</i>	satisfactory	B to B-
3.6 – 4.0	<i>Ausreichend</i>	sufficient	C+ to C-
4.1 – 4.3	<i>Mangelhaft</i>	deficient	D+ to D
4.4 – 6.0	<i>Ungenugend</i>	inadequate	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 1.5 on a reverse 6 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Germany

Aachen Univ. of Technology	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	Technische Universität Berlin	Universität Göttingen	Universität Stuttgart
Berufsakademie Ravensburg	Humboldt-University, Berlin	Technische Univ. Braunschweig	Univ. Gesamthochschule Essen	Universität Tübingen
Christian-Albrechts-Universität	Institut f. Semantische Informationsverarbeitung	Technische Univ. Chemnitz-Zwickau	Univ. Gesamthochschule Kassel	Universität Trier
Dortmund University	Institut für Lasertechnik	Technische Universität Clausthal	Universität Hamburg	Universität Ulm
Dresden Technical University	Johannes Gutenberg Universität	Technische Universität Dresden	Universität Hannover	Universität der Bundeswehr München
Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald	Julius-Maximilians-Universität	Technische Univ. Hamburg-Harburg	Universität Heidelberg	Universität des Saarlandes
Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)	Katholische Universität Eichstätt	Technische Universität Ilmenau	Universität Hildesheim	Universität, Hohenheim
Fachhochschule Fulda	Ludwig Maximilians Universität	Technische Universität München	Universität Köln	Universität-GH Paderborn
Fachhochschule Karlsruhe	Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg	Universität Augsburg	Universität Kaiserslautern	Universitaet des Saarlandes
Fachhochschule Reutlingen, Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft	Medical University of Luebeck	Universität Bamberg	Universität Karlsruhe	University of Giessen
Frankfurt University	Otto von Guericke Universität	Universität Bayreuth	Universität Konstanz	University of Marburg
Freie Universität Berlin	Ruhr-Universität Bochum	Universität Bielefeld	Universität Leipzig	University of Oldenburg
Friedrich Schiller Universität	Technische Hochschule Darmstadt	Universität Bonn	Universität Mannheim	WHU Koblenz Schl. of Corporate Mngt
		Universität Bremen	Universität Passau	Westfälische Wilhelms Universität
		Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Universität Potsdam	
		Universität Freiburg	Universität Regensburg	
			Universität Rostock	

Sources: NAFSA's 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 AACRAO – 1986 World Education Series: Germany
 UNESCO 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees & other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia & the Pacific (appendix)



Ghana

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Bachelor's Degree (General or Honours)** – completion of 3 years of post-secondary study beyond the Higher School Certificate/General Certificate of Education-Advanced Levels (HSC/GCE 'A' levels) or completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE).
- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dentistry** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study beyond the Higher School Certificate/General Certificate of Education-Advanced Levels (HSC/GCE 'A' levels) or completion of 7 years of post-secondary study beyond the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE). First professional degree in medicine, surgery or dentistry.
- **Postgraduate Diploma** – completion of 1 year of post-secondary study with thesis beyond a Bachelor's degree.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Master's Degree** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study with a thesis, beyond a Bachelor's degree.
- **Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)** – completion of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a Bachelor's degree. Usually requires 1 year of course work followed by 1 year of research and a thesis.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorate** – completion of 2 to 3 years of study, including research and a dissertation, beyond a Master's degree.

Universities in Ghana

- University Of Ghana
- University Of Cape Coast
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
- University College of Education of Winneba
- University For Development Studies



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Additional Information

All higher education institutions are under the National Council for Tertiary Education, which forms an advisory and coordinating body at the national level. The Council is under the Minister of Education. The tertiary education system in Ghana was originally modeled on the British system. The first tertiary institution in Ghana was the University College of the Gold Coast, established in 1948 and later renamed the University of Ghana. Wide-ranging reforms in the late 1980s have brought the structure of the education system closer to an American model. As a result of the reforms, access to tertiary institutions has been increased, although the institutions are still unable to absorb all the students who qualify, due to inadequate resources. For this reason, distance education is being explored as a possible alternative. In 1996 the government approved a Distance Education Program for Ghana. The Ministry of Education and the four participating institutions, the University of Ghana, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, the University of Cape Coast and the University College of Education of Winneba had entered into a partnership with Simon Fraser University in Canada, to assist Ghana build its capacity to develop and deliver distance education programs.

Common Grading Systems

Universities normally list grading scale on the transcripts. The scales listed are used as defaults when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Classification	Percentage	OSU Equiv
1 st Class	70 - 100	A
2 nd Class, Upper Division	60 - 69	B to B+
2 nd Class, Lower Division	50 - 59	B- to B
3 rd Class	40 - 49	C
	30 - 39	D
	00 - 29	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Class or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Greece

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Ptychio** [Πτυχίο] (**Diploma**) – awarded after the completion of 4 years (8 semesters) of post-secondary study.
- **Ptychio** [Πτυχίο] (**Diploma**) in **Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Engineering and Agricultural Studies** – awarded after the completion of 5 years (10 semesters) of post-secondary study.
- **Ptychio** [Πτυχίο] (**Diploma**) in **Medicine** – awarded after the completion of 6 years (12 semesters) of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Metaptychiako** [Μεταπτυχιακό] (**Diploma of Graduate Studies**) – awarded after the completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study following the *Ptychio* [Πτυχίο].

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Didaktoriko** [Διδακτορικό] (**Doctorate**) – awarded after the completion of 3 years of post-graduate study following the *Metaptychiako* [Μεταπτυχιακό] or 4 to 5 years of post-graduate study following the *Ptychio* [Πτυχίο]. The degree is conferred after the public defense of a thesis. The research must be original and show advances in research and science. A doctoral thesis requires at least three years' study since the student was admitted to doctoral studies.



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Additional Information

Under the terms of the Constitution of 1975, higher education is dispensed by institutions, which enjoy the status of legal persons under public law. Greece's universities and institutions of technological education (TEI) are self-governing and under the supervision of the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs which supports them financially and is responsible for educational policy concerning them. The diplomas awarded by certain private post-secondary education institutions are not recognized by the State. Technological Educational Institutions (TEI) form part of higher education just like the universities but belong to the non-university sector. They comprise at least two faculties subdivided into departments, which are the main academic units.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Numeric	Greek (upper & lower case)	Description	OSU
8.5 – 10.0	ΑΡΙΣΤΑ αριστα	Excellent	A
6.5 – 8.4	ΛΙΑΝ ΚΑΛΩΣ λιαν καλωσ	Very Good	B
5.0 – 6.4	ΚΑΛΩΣ καλωσ	Good	C
0.0 – 4.9	ΑΝΕΠΙΤΥΧΗΣ ανεπιτυχησ	Failure	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Greece

Agricultural University of Athens	National Technical University of Athens
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Panteion University
School of Fine Arts	Technical University of Crete
Athens University of Economics & Business	University of Crete
Democritus University of Thrace	University of Ioannina
Harokopio University	University of Macedonia
Hellenic Open University	University of Patras
Ionian University	University of Piraeus
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	University of The Aegean
	University of Thessaly

Technological Education Institutes

TEI of Athens	TEI of Lamia
TEI of Halkida	TEI of Larissa
TEI of Heraklion	TEI of Mesologgi
TEI of Ipiros	TEI of Patra
TEI of Kalamata	TEI of Piraeus
TEI of Kavala	TEI of Serres
TEI of Kozani	TEI of Thessaloniki

Sources: NAFSA's 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 AACRAO – 1982 World Education Series: Greece
 Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs - Greece: <http://www.ypepth.gr>



Hong Kong

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Degree** – completion of 3 years of study beyond the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (A-levels). Equivalent to 4 years of post-secondary education.
- **Bachelor of Nursing** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (A-levels).
- **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.Ch.B.)** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study beyond the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (A-levels). First professional medical degree.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's degree** – completion of 1 to 2 years of study beyond the Bachelor's degree.
- **Master of Philosophy (MPhil.)** – completion of 2 years of study beyond the Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – completion of 2 to 3 years of study beyond the Master's degree.
- **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)** – completion of 2 to 3 years of study beyond the Master's degree.
- **Doctor of Music** – completion of 3 years of study beyond the Master's degree.

Universities in Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong
 City University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong Baptist University
 Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 Hong Kong Institute of Education
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
 Lingnan University
 University of Hong Kong



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, polytechnic universities, and institutions of professional education. The University Grants Committee is the advisory body, which makes recommendations about the development of the tertiary sector, the financing of institutions and the administration of government grants. 1990 saw the creation of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation, which validates degree courses

Common Grading Systems

Most transcripts from Hong Kong will carry an explanation of the grading system in use. The grading system differs according to the institution, with many institutions utilizing some variation of the U.S. letter grading system. They are readily convertible to Ohio State's 4.00 grading system.

After final examinations, students are ranked into one of the following five divisions.

Degree Classification	OSU Equiv
1 st Class	A
2 nd Class, Upper Division	B+/B
2 nd Class, Lower Division	B/B-
3 rd Class	C
Pass	D
Failing	E

Bachelor's degrees may be termed "Honours" degrees. "Honours" compared to "ordinary" or "pass", usually refers to the depth of study rather than quality of study.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 1st Class or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Iceland

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Baccalaureatus Artium (B.A.), Baccalaureatus Scientiarum (B.S.), Baccalaureatus Educationis (B.Ed.)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study following the *Stúdentspróf* (Matriculation Examination).
- **Candidatus** – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study following the *Stúdentspróf* (Matriculation Examination). The *Candidatus* is only offered at the University of Iceland and qualifies holders for a special office or profession.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Meistarapróf** – completion of 2 to 3 years of further study beyond the Baccalaureatus.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktorspróf** – completion of 3 to 5 years of post-graduate study with a dissertation based on research following the Meistarapróf.

Universities in Iceland

Hvanneyri Agricultural University
Iceland Academy of the Arts
Iceland University of Education
Icelandic University College of Business Administration
Reykjavík University
Technical College of Iceland
University of Akureyri
University of Iceland



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Additional Information

The higher education system in Iceland consists of two types of higher education institutions: Universities and Colleges. The Ministry of Education is responsible for the development of higher education. At the University of Iceland, the University Council is the highest governing body. It also presents matters to the Parliament or to Government Ministries for reform consideration and funding purposes. The Iceland University of Education has been fully operational since the autumn of 1998. The Iceland Academy of the Arts was established in 1998 according to a law passed in 1995. The Academy was created when three institutions, Leiklistarskóli Íslands (The Icelandic Drama School), Myndlista-og handiðaskóli Íslands (the Icelandic College of Arts and Crafts) and Tónlistarskólinn í Reykjavík (The Reykjavik School of Music) merged into one institution.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

10 pt scale	OSU Equiv.
7.25 – 10.0	A
6.00 – 7.24	B
5.50 – 5.99	C
4.00 – 5.49	D* (considered passing in individual subjects)
0.00 – 3.99	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



India

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **B.Sc.** – 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **B.Engg., B.Arch., B.Sc.Engg.** – 4 or 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **LL.B. (Law)** – 4 years post-secondary study.
- **M.B.,B.S.** (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) – 4 ½ years of post-secondary study.
- **Postgraduate Diploma** in business administration, business management or industrial management – 1 to 3 years beyond a 3 year post-secondary degree.
- **B.Education** – 1 year of study beyond a 3 year post-secondary degree.
- **M.A., M.Sc., M.Com.** – 2 years of study beyond a 3 year post-secondary degree.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **M.A., M.Sc., M.Com.** – 2 years of study beyond a 4 year post-secondary degree.
- **M.Engg., M.Tech.** - 6 years of post-secondary study.
- **M.Phil** – 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study following a master's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Ph.D or D.Phil.** – 8 years of post-secondary study.

Central universities are established by the government and are funded greatly by the University Grants Commission. Some institutions, specializing in a specific area of study, are given the status of university and are called **institutions deemed to be universities**. These are also created by and/or with the approval of the central government. In addition, there are **institutions of national importance** created by the central government, including the 6 Indian Institutes of Technology

Central Universities

Aligarh Muslim University
Assam University
Banaras Hindu University
Central Agricultural University
University of Delhi
University of Hyderabad
Indira Gandhi National Open University
Jamia Milia Islamia
Jawaharlal Nehru University
North-Eastern Hill University
Pondicherry University
Tezpur University
Visva-Bharati

Institutions Deemed to be Universities

Avinash Lingam Institute for Home Sciences
Banasthali Vidyapith
Bengal Engineering College
Bharathi Vidyapeeth
Birla Institute of Technology
Birla Institute of Technology and Science
Central Inst of English & Foreign Languages
Central Institute of Fisheries Education
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
Dayalbagh Educational Institute
Deccan College Postgrad & Research Inst
Forest Research Institute
Gandhigram Rural Institute
Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics
Gujarat Vidyapith
Gurukula Kangri Vishwa Vidyalyaya
Indian Agricultural Research Institute
Indian Institute of Sciences
Indian School of Mines
Indian Veterinary Research Institute
Jamia Hamdard
International Institute for Population Sciences
Jain Vishva Barati Institute
Manipal Academy of Higher Education
National Dairy Research Institute

National Institute of History of Art Conservation and Museology
National Inst of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences
Rajasthan Vidyapith
Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapith
School of Planning and Architecture
Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapith
Sri Chandra Sekharendra Saraswati Viswa Maha Vidyalaya
Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning
Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Thapar Inst of Engineering and Technology
Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapith

Institutions of National Importance

All India Institute of Medical Sciences
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
Indian Statistical Institute
Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha



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Common Grading Systems

While the following grading systems are common in India, the Indian Institutes of Technology each have their own grading system and there is variation among traditional Indian universities as well. Grading scales provided on the mark sheets would be the most valid and should be used to determine the GPA.

Percent	Percent	Meaning	10pt Scale	OSU
75-100		Distinction		A
60-74	60-100	1 st Class	9-10	A
50-59	45-59	2 nd Class	7-8	B
40-49	33-44	3 rd /Pass Class	6	C
min-39		Pass Class	5	D
0-min	0-33	Fail	1-4	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 9 on a 10 point scale or a degree classification of 1st Class or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific



Indonesia (1990 and beyond)

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Sarjana strata satu (S1) [Degree Stage 1]** – awarded after 4 years of full-time post-secondary study beyond the *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum* (STTB/SMU) at a recognized university. Students must obtain 144 credits.
- **Sarjana strata satu Farmasi (S1) [Degree Stage 1 Pharmacy]** – completion of a 4½-year professional program in pharmacy beyond the *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum* (STTB/SMU).
- **Sarjana strata satu Kedokteran (S1) [Degree Stage 1 Medicine]** – completion of a 5½-year professional program in medicine beyond the *Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum* (STTB/SMU).

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Magister strata dua (S2) [Master Stage 2]** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Sarjana* (S1) degree plus research.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktor strata tiga (S3) [Doctor Stage 3]** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the *Magister* (S2) degree. The *Doktor* degree is the highest award conferred by Indonesian universities or institutes. There is a residential requirement for 2 years and students must pass the examinations that are organized every year to check their research progress.



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Additional Information

When evaluating for graduate admission, it is important to determine whether the credential is pre- or post-1990.

Pre-1990: The *Sarjana muda* does not qualify for admission into a graduate program. The *Sarjana*, *Sarjana lengkap* and the *Insinyur* are the minimum required degrees for graduate admissions. 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.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

10 point	Word	OSU Equiv	4 point	OSU Equiv
10	sepuluh	A	4	A
9	sembilan	A	3	B
8	delapan	B+	2	C
7	tujuh	B	1	D
6	enam	C	0	E
5	lima	D		
4	empat	E		
3	tiga	E		
2	dua	E		
1	satu	E		

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Indonesia

Adventist University of Indonesia
 Ahmad Dahlan University
 Airlangga University
 Atma Jaya Catholic Univ. of Indonesia
 Atma Jaya Yogyakarta University
 Bhayangkara Jakarta Raya University
 Bina Nusantara University
 Bogor Institute of Agriculture
 Brawijaya University
 Christian University of Indonesia
 Darma Persada University
 Diponegoro University
 Gadjah Mada University
 Gunadarma University
 Hasanuddin University
 Ibn Khaldun Bogor University
 Indonesian Open Learning University
 Indonusa Esa Unggul University

Institute of Teacher Training & Science of Education - Bandung
 Institute of Teacher Training & Science of Education - Semarang
 Inst. of Technology Bandung
 Inst. of Technology Surabaya
 Islamic Univ. of Nusantara
 Islamic University of Riau
 Islamic Univ. of Sultan Agung
 Jayabaya University
 Jember University
 Klabat University
 Krida Wacana Christian Univ.
 Krisnadwipayana University
 Lampung University
 Maranatha Christian University
 Mercu Buana University
 Merdeka University Malang
 Muhammadiyah Univ. of Jakarta

Muhammadiyah Univ. of Malang
 Muhammadiyah Univ. of Surakarta
 Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta
 Negeri Yogyakarta University
 Padjadjaran University
 Pakuan University
 Parahyangan Catholic Univ.
 Paramadina Mulya Univ.
 Pasundan University
 Pelita Harapan University
 Pembangunan National "Veteran" University Jakarta
 Persada Indonesia Y.A.I Univ.
 Petra Christian University
 Riau University
 Sanata Dharma University
 Satya Wacana Christian Univ.
 Sebelas Maret University

Slamet Riyadi Univ. Surakarta
 Soegijapranoto Catholic University
 Sriwijaya University
 State University of Malang
 Surabaya University
 Tanjungpura University
 Tarumanagara University
 Trisakti University
 Udayana State University
 Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani
 Universitas Jenderal Soedirman
 Universitas Yarsi
 University of Indonesia
 University of North Sumatra
 Widya Gama University Malang
 Widya Manadala Catholic Univ.



Indonesia (Pre-1990)

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Sarjana** – awarded after 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Sarjana Muda*. Equivalent to a total of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Sarjana Lengkap** – awarded after 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Sarjana Muda*. Equivalent to a total of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Insinyur** – awarded after 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Sarjana Muda*. Equivalent to a total of 5 years of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Magister sains (Master of Science)** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Sarjana*. May be considered comparable to a U.S. Master's Degree.
- **Doktor** – completion of a unspecified length of post-graduate study after the *Sarjana*. **NOT considered comparable to a U.S. doctorate.**

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **NONE**



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Additional Information

When evaluating for graduate admission, it is important to Determine whether the credential is pre- or post-1990.

1990 and beyond: The *Sarjana* is the minimum degree required for graduate admission. The Division IV (D4) professional diploma may be considered for graduate admissions if the subject matters is very closely related to the intended field of study. The *Magister* may be considered equal to a U.S. master's degree. The *Doktor* may be considered comparable to a U.S. doctorate.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

10 point	Word	OSU Equiv	4 point	OSU Equiv
10	<i>sepuluh</i>	A	4	A
9	<i>sembilan</i>	A	3	B
8	<i>delapan</i>	B+	2	C
7	<i>tujuh</i>	B	1	D
6	<i>enam</i>	C	0	E
5	<i>lima</i>	D		
4	<i>empat</i>	E		
3	<i>tiga</i>	E		
2	<i>dua</i>	E		
1	<i>satu</i>	E		

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Indonesia

Adventist University of Indonesia
 Ahmad Dahlan University
 Airlangga University
 Atma Jaya Catholic Univ. of Indonesia
 Atma Jaya Yogyakarta University
 Bhayangkara Jakarta Raya University
 Bina Nusantara University
 Bogor Institute of Agriculture
 Brawijaya University
 Christian University of Indonesia
 Darma Persada University
 Diponegoro University
 Gadjah Mada University
 Gunadarma University
 Hasanuddin University
 Ibn Khaldun Bogor University
 Indonesian Open Learning University
 Indonusa Esa Unggul University

Institute of Teacher Training & Science of Education - Bandung
 Institute of Teacher Training & Science of Education - Semarang
 Inst. of Technology Bandung
 Inst. of Technology Surabaya
 Islamic Univ. of Nusantara
 Islamic University of Riau
 Islamic Univ. of Sultan Agung
 Jayabaya University
 Jember University
 Klabat University
 Krida Wacana Christian Univ.
 Krisnadwipayana University
 Lampung University
 Maranatha Christian University
 Mercu Buana University
 Merdeka University Malang
 Muhammadiyah Univ. of Jakarta

Muhammadiyah Univ. of Malang
 Muhammadiyah Univ. of Surakarta
 Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta
 Negeri Yogyakarta University
 Padjadjaran University
 Pakuan University
 Parahyangan Catholic Univ.
 Paramadina Mulya Univ.
 Pasundan University
 Pelita Harapan University
 Pembangunan National "Veteran" University Jakarta
 Persada Indonesia Y.A.I Univ.
 Petra Christian University
 Riau University
 Sanata Dharma University
 Satya Wacana Christian Univ,
 Sebelas Maret University

Slamet Riyadi Univ. Surakarta
 Soegijapranoto Catholic University
 Sriwijaya University
 State University of Malang
 Surabaya University
 Tanjungpura University
 Tarumanagara University
 Trisakti University
 Udayana State University
 Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani
 Universitas Jenderal Soedirman
 Universitas Yarsi
 University of Indonesia
 University of North Sumatra
 Widya Gama University Malang
 Widya Manadala Catholic Univ



Iran

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Karshenasi (Bachelor's degree)** [formerly *Licence*] – awarded after 4 years of post-secondary study or 2 years after a *Kardani* (Associate's Degree).
- **Karshenasi (Bachelor's degree) in Architecture** – awarded after 5 years of post-secondary study.

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- **Karshenasi Arshad (Master's Degree)** [formerly *Fogh-Licence*] – awarded after 2 years of study beyond the *Karshenasi* (Bachelor's degree).

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctora (Doctorate)** – awarded after a minimum of 3 years of study beyond the *Karshenasi Arshad* (Master's Degree).

Additional Information

University activities are coordinated by the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education and, particularly, the Supreme Council on Higher Education Planning (SCHEP), and the Ministry of Health and Medicine. Most universities are State institutions. Students from institutions under the jurisdiction of MCHE or MHME should be able to obtain transcripts unless they owe to their university. Official transcripts are issued and translations sealed by either the related Ministry or the Justice Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran.



Some universities such as Amir Kabir University, Sharif University of Technology and Shiraz University issue transcripts only in English. Other official credentials are issued in the original language. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

20 pt scale	4pt scale	OSU Equiv
16-20	4	A
14-15	3	B
12-13	2	C
10-11	1	D
0-9	0	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 18 on a 20 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities recognized by the Ministry of Culture & Higher Education

Ahvaz Univ. of Medicine Science	Ilam University of Medicine	Mashhad University of Medicine	Tabriz Univ. of Tarbiat Moallem	University of Mazandaran
Ahvaz University of Oil Industry	Imam Hossein University	Mazandaran Univ. of Medicine	Tarbiat Modarres University	University of Oroomieh
Allameh Taba Tabaii University	Imam Khomeini Int'l University	Mohaghighgh Ardebili University	Tehran Univ. of Tarbiat Moallem	University of Semnan
Amir Kabir Univ. of Technology	Imam Sadegh University	Naja Policy University	University of Arak	University of Shahr e Kord
Arak University of Medicine	Iran Univ. of Medicine Science	Oroomieh University of Medicine	University of Art	University of Shahrood
Arak University of Technology	Iran University of Sci. & Tech.	Payam e Noor University	University of Birjand	University of Shiraz
Ardebil University of Medicine	Isfahan University of Medicine	Rafsanjan University of Vali Asr	University of Gilan	University of Sistan And Baluchestan
Avecina University	Isfahan Univ. of Technology	Razi University	University of Gorgan	University of Tabriz
Azzahra University	K.N.Toosi Univ of Technology	Reahilitation University	University of Hormozgan	University of Tehran
Babol Univ. of Medicine	Kashan University of Medicine	Sabzevar Univ. of Tarbiat Moallem	University of Ilam	University of Yasuj
Baghiatollah University	Kerman University of Medicine	Sahand University of Technology	University of Isfahan	University of Yazd
Bandar Abbas Univ. of Medicine	Kermanshah Univ. of Medicine	Shahed University	University of Kashan	University of Zabol
Booshehr Univ. of Medicine	Khalij Fars (Persian Gulf) Univ	Shahid Bahonar University	University of Kordestan	University of Zanjan
Damghan Basic Science College	Kordestan Univ. of Medicine	Shahid Beheshti University	University of Lorestan	Zanjan Higher Education Center
Ghom University of Mofid	Lorestan Univ. of Medicine	Shahid Chamran University		
Gilan University of Mofid	Mashhad Univ. of Ferdowsi	Sharif Univ. of Technology		

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 Ministry of Science, Research & Technology of Iran: <http://www.mche.or.ir/English/index.html>



Israel

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's degree** – completion of 3 to 5 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Teudat Bagrut* (Matriculation Certificate). A 4-year Bachelor's degree is considered the minimum degree acceptable for graduate study.
- **Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Teudat Bagrut* (Matriculation Certificate) plus one year of internship. First professional degree in related field.
- **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.)** – completion of 4 years of full time study beyond completion of 2 years of the Bachelor of Science program. Total of 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in veterinary medicine.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – completion of 1½ to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree. Two programs are generally offered: Track A – includes coursework and a thesis and gives access to further study at the doctoral level; or Track B – includes coursework and no thesis and does not give access to further study at the doctoral level. There are some mechanisms that allow students to change from one track to another.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorate** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-graduate work beyond a Master's Degree (Track A). A direct doctoral program is also offered for exceptional students with a Bachelor's degree and a grade of 90 or above in their major subject and of 80 in other course work. The first year of the Master's degree is accelerated and, if high achievement is maintained, the student may bypass the second year of the Master's degree and proceed directly to doctoral studies.



Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by the following: universities, non-university institutions offering instruction at the Bachelor's degree level in specific fields and academic courses offered at regional colleges for which the universities are academically responsible. Higher education comes under the direct jurisdiction of the Council for Higher Education, which is responsible for the accreditation and authorization of higher education institutions to award degrees. Non-university level post-secondary institutions are usually only authorized to award a first-level (Bachelor's) degree.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Percent	OSU Equiv.
85 - 100	A
75 - 84	B
65 - 74	C
55 - 64	D
00 - 54	E

Grading in Israeli universities tends to be severe and not inflated.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

UNIVERSITIES IN ISRAEL

Bar Ilan University
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Haifa University
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Open University
The Technion Israel Institute of Tech.
Tel Aviv University Ramat Aviv
The Weizmann Institute of Science

REGIONAL COLLEGES ASSOCIATED WITH UNIVERSITIES

The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo (Tel Aviv University)
Achva College (Ben Gurion University)
Ashkelon College (Bar Ilan University)
Eilat College (Ben Gurion University)
Jezriell Valley (Haifa University)
Jordan Valley College (Bar Ilan University)
Menashe College (Tel Aviv University)
Sapir College of the Negev (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Tel Chai College (Haifa University and Hebrew University)
Western Galilee College (Bar Ilan University)
College of Judea and Samaria (Bar Ilan University)
Zfat College (Bar Ilan University)

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (NOT UNIVERSITIES)

Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design
The Braude ORT College of Technology
The Center For Optical
The College of Management - Academic Studies - Tel Aviv
Hadassah College
Jerusalem College of Technology - Machon Lev
The Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance
Ruppin Institute of Agriculture
Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
AACRAO – 1987 World Educational Series: Israel and the Occupied Territories
Ministry of Education, Israel – <http://www.info.gov.il>



Italy

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Laurea** – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study beyond the *Diploma di Maturita*.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's degree** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the *Laurea*.
- **Diploma di Specializzazione (Diploma of Specialist)** – completion of 2 to 5 years of post-graduate study beyond the *Laurea*.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Dottorato di Ricerca (Research Doctorate)** – completion of a minimum of 3 years of further study beyond the *Laurea*.

Additional Information

Education in the university sector is offered by three main types of institutions: *universita degli studi* (universities), *politecnici* (polytechnics), and *istituti universitari* (university institutes). Universities generally consist of a number of faculties covering a full range of academic disciplines. Polytechnics include only two faculties: engineering and architecture. University institutes specialize in the teaching of one main discipline and include only a few related faculties. University-level institutions may be public or private. Public universities are designated *staale* (state-controlled) and are usually called *universita degli studi*. They can only be established by an act of Parliament, and rely on the national government for the majority of their funding. Private universities are established by independent entities and must be designated public law corporations by the national government. Private institutions must conform to regulations of the Ministry of Universities and of Science and Technological Research and their diplomas and degrees are legally equivalent to those awarded by public universities.



Official credentials are issued in the original language. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Numeric	Numeric	OSU Equiv.
<u>30 point</u>	<u>110 point</u>	
27 – 30	99 – 110	A
24 – 26	88 – 98	B
21 – 23	77 – 87	C
18 – 20	66 – 76	D
00 – 17	00 – 65	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 27 on a 30 point scale 99 on a 110 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale

Legally Recognized University-level Institutions

Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia
 Istituto Universitario Europeo di Firenze
 Istituto Universitario di Lingue Moderne di Milano
 Istituto Universitario di Magistero di Catania
 Istituto Universitario di Magistero "Sour Orsola Benincasa" di Napoli
 Istituto Universitario Navale di Napoli
 Istituto Universitario Orientale
 Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali "Guido Carli"
 Libera Università "Maria SS. Assunta" di Roma
 Libero Istituto Universitario "Campus Bio-Medico" di Roma
 Libero Istituto Universitario "Carlo Cattaneo"
 Politecnico di Bari
 Politecnico di Milano
 Politecnico di Torino
 Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati
 Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
 Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento S. Anna di Pisa
 Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli
 Terza Università degli Studi di Roma
 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
 Università Commerciale "Luigi Bocconi"
 Università per Stranieri di Perugia

Università per Stranieri di Seina
 Università degli Studi di Ancona
 Università degli Studi dell'Aquila
 Università degli Studi di Barr
 Università degli Studi della Basilicata
 Università degli Studi di Bergamo
 Università degli Studi di Bologna
 Università degli Studi di Brescia
 Università degli Studi Cagliari
 Università degli Studi della Calabria
 Università degli Studi di Camerino
 Università degli Studi di Cassino
 Università degli Studi di Catania
 Università degli Studi "Federico II" di Napoli
 Università degli Studi di Ferrara
 Università degli Studi di Firenze
 Università degli Studi "Gabriele D'Annunzio" di Chieti
 Università degli Studi di Genova
 Università degli Studi di Lecce
 Università degli Studi di Macerata
 Università degli Studi di Messina
 Università degli Studi di Milano
 Università degli Studi di Modena

Università degli Studi Molise
 Università degli Studi di Padova
 Università degli Studi di Palermo
 Università degli Studi di Parma
 Università degli Studi di Pavla
 Università degli Studi di Perugia
 Università degli Studi di Pisa
 Università degli Studi di Reggio Calabria
 Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"
 Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"
 Università degli Studi di Salerno
 Università degli Studi di Sassari
 Università degli Studi di Siena
 Università degli Studi di Teramo
 Università degli Studi di Torino
 Università degli Studi di Trento
 Università degli Studi di Trieste
 Università degli Studi della Tuscia
 Università degli Studi di Udine
 Università degli Studi di Urbino
 Università degli Studi di Venezia
 Università Ca'Foscari di Venezia
 Università degli Studi di Verona

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 AACRAO – 1981 World Education Series: Italy
 ECE – 1996: The Educational System of Italy



Japan

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Gakushi (Bachelor's degree)** – first university degree awarded upon completion of four years of full time tertiary study.
- **Gakushi (Bachelor's degree) in Dentistry, Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine** – first university degree awarded upon completion of six years of full time tertiary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Shushi (Master's degree)** – second university degree awarded upon completion of two or more years of full time study beyond a *Gakushi* plus a thesis.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Hakushi (Doctoral degree)** – third university degree awarded upon completion of three or more years of study beyond the *Shushi* plus a dissertation.
- **Hakushi (Doctoral degree) in Dentistry, Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine** – second university degree awarded upon completion of four or more years of study beyond *Gakushi* in Dentistry, Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine plus a dissertation.



Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Common Grading Systems

Numerical Grade	Japanese	English	OSU Equiv
80 to 100	<i>Yu</i>	Excellent	A
70 to 79	<i>Ryou</i>	Good	B
60 to 69	<i>Ka</i>	Pass	C
59 and below	<i>Huka</i>	Fail	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least an 88% or the equivalent to a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by *daigaku* (universities), *tanki-daigaku* (junior colleges) and *koto-senmongakko* (colleges of technology). Public universities are mainly financed from national and local funds. Students' fees and private funds finance private universities and colleges. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) controls any institution of higher education and must approve their founding. Junior Colleges and Colleges of Technology do not grant university-level qualifications, but students holding the associate degree (*jun-gakushi*) may pursue their studies in universities.

JAPAN UNIVERSITIES

Akita University
Aoyama Gakuin
Chiba University
Chubu University
Chukyo University
Dokkyo Univ. School of Medicine
Doshisha University
Ehime University
Fujita Health University
Fukui University
Fukuoka Institute of Tech.
Fukuoka Junior College of Tech.
Fukushima Medical College
Fukushima University
Gunma University
Hachinohe Institute of Tech.
Hirosaki University
Hiroshima City University
Hiroshima Institute of Tech.
Hiroshima Shudo University
Hiroshima University
Hiroshima-Denki Inst. of Tech.
Hitotsubashi University
Hokkaido University
Hokkaido Univ. of Education
Institute of Industrial Science
International Univ. of Japan

Japan Advanced Inst. of Sci. & Tech.
Japan Women's University
Kagoshima University
Kanazawa University
Kansai University
Keio University
Keio Univ. of Sci. & Tech.
Kinjo Gakuin University
Kitasato University
Kobe University
Kochi Nat'l College of Tech.
Kochi University
Kogakuin University
Konan University
Kumamoto National College of Tech.
Kumamoto Prefecture Coll.
Kumamoto University
Kurume Institute of Tech.
Kwansei Gakuin University
Kyoto Institute of Tech.
Kyoto University
Kyushu Institute of Design
Kyushu Institute of Tech.
Kyushu Sangyo University
Kyushu University
Maebashi City Coll. of Tech

Matsuyama University
Meiji University
Meisei University
Mie University
Miyazaki International Coll.
Miyazaki Medical College
Miyazaki University
Muroran Institute of Tech.
Musashi Institute of Tech.
Musashi University
Nagano University
Nagasaki University
Nagoya Institute of Tech.
Nagoya University
Nanzan University
Nara Inst. of Sci. & Tech.
Naruto Univ. of Education
Nihon University
Niigata University
Nippon Bunri University
Nippon Dental University
Nippon Medical School
Notre Dame Women's Coll.
Oita University
Okayama Prefectural Univ.
Osaka Kyoiku University
Osaka Medical College

Osaka Prefecture University
Osaka University
Reitaku University
Ritsumeikan University
Saga University
Saitama University
Sapporo Medical University
Science University of Tokyo
Seishin Joshi Daigaku
Sendai National Coll. of Tech.
Shiga Polytechnic College
Shimane Medical University
Soka University
Sophia University
Sundai Coll. of Foreign Lang.
Takuma National Coll. of Tech.
Tama Inst. of Mgmt. & Info. Sci.
Teikyo University
Temple University Japan
Tohoku University
Tokai University
Tokyo Gakugei University
Tokyo Institute of Tech.
Tokyo International University
Tokyo Kaseigakuin Tsukuba Jr. Coll.
Tokyo KogeI Tanki University

Tokyo Medical & Dental University
Tokyo Metropolitan College of Aeronautical Engineering
Tokyo Univ. of Agriculture & Tech.
Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies
Tokyo Woman's Christian Univ.
Tokyo Women's Medical College
Toyama Medical & Pharmaceutical Univ.
Toyama University
Ube College
University of Aizu
Univ. of Electro-Communications
University of Library & Info. Sci.
University of Tokushima
University of Tokyo
University of Tsukuba
University of the Ryukyus
Utsunomiya University
Wakayama University
Wakkanai Hokusei Gakuen Jr. Coll.
Waseda University
Yamanashi University
Yasuda Women's University

Sources: NAFSA's 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – <http://www.mext.go.jp/english/index.htm>



Jordan

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science** – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study depending on field of study.
- **Bachelor of Dental Medicine** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study followed by an internship lasting one year.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master of Arts, Master of Science** – awarded after 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study following a bachelor's degree with a minimum rating of "good". It can be obtained either by course work and a thesis or by course work and a comprehensive examination.
- **Master of Science in Basic and Clinical Medicine** – awarded after 2 to 5 years of post-secondary study following a bachelor's degree depending on specialty.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – is awarded after 3 or more years of post-graduate study beyond a master's degree with a minimum rating of "very good" and the submission of a dissertation.

Universities in Jordan

Alahleah University
Al-Albait University
Alzitoonah University
Jarash University
Jordan University
Jordan University of Science and Technology
Mutah University
The Women University
Yarmouk University



Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Additional Information

Access to higher education is open to holders of the General Secondary Education Certificate who can then choose between private Community Colleges, public Community Colleges or universities. The credit-hour system has been adopted at universities, which entitles students to select courses according to a study plan. Higher education has developed along two separate lines, with traditional universities on the one hand, and non-university level institutions (Community Colleges) on the other. All post-secondary education is the responsibility of the Council of Higher Education.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Common grade scale		Yarmouk University grade scale	
Percent	OSU Equiv.	Percent	OSU Equiv.
84 – 100	A	84– 100	A
76 – 83	B	76 – 83	B
68 – 75	C	68 – 75	C
60 – 67	D	60 – 67	D
00 – 59	E	00 – 59	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination
GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Kenya

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of...Arts, Science, Commerce, Laws Education, Engineering, Technology** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).
- **Bachelor of Philosophy** – completion of 1 year of further study beyond 4 year bachelor's degree.
- **Bachelor of... Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Surgery** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study beyond the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).
- **Bachelor of...Architecture, Medicine and Surgery** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study beyond the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master of...Arts, Science, Business Administration, Education, Laws, Philosophy, Public Health** – typically awarded upon completion of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree.
- **Master of Architecture, Master of Medicine** – completion of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a bachelor's degree in the respective field.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy**– completion of 2 years of post-graduate education beyond a master's degree.

Additional Information

Higher education is offered in public universities that have been granted a royal charter by the Commission for Higher Education, private institutions with a charter, private universities with a letter of Interim Authority, and private institutions without a charter. Universities are autonomous; however, they receive funding from the Ministry of Education. All administrative functions are independently managed through University Councils. Alongside these universities, there are several private institutions, without a charter, offering degree courses in Kenya. All of them, except the United States International University, are theologically oriented. These universities are advised by the Commission for Higher Education to diversify their curricula to meet the needs of Kenyan society. They raise funds from their own sources and do not receive any grants from the State. Apart from the universities, there are a number of post-secondary institutions offering training at diploma and certificate levels. In the field of teacher training, these include diploma colleges for the training of non-graduate secondary school teachers, and teacher training colleges for primary school teachers. For technical education they include national polytechnics, Institutes of technology and technical training institutes. In addition to these, a number of government ministries also offer three years' professional training at diploma level for their middle-level manpower requirements.



Official credentials may be provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Percent	Letter	Description	OSU Equiv.
70 - 100	A	First Class	A
60 - 69	B	Second Class (Upper Div.)	B+/A-
50 - 59	C	Second Class (Lower Div.)	B
40 - 49	D	Pass	C/C+
00 - 39	E, F	Fail	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Kenya

Catholic University of Eastern Africa
Daystar University
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
Kenyatta University
Maseno University College
Moi University
United States International University
University of Eastern Africa, Baraton
University of Nairobi



Republic of Korea

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Science** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor of Arts** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor of Science in Medicine** – completion of a 6-year post-secondary professional program.
- **Bachelor of Science in Dentistry** – completion of a 6-year post-secondary professional program.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – completion of at least 2 years of study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – completion of 3 or more years of study beyond a Master's degree.

Additional Information

The current educational system in Korea had its beginnings in the late 1940's and is influenced greatly by the educational structure used in the United States (6 years of primary education, 3 years of junior high school, 3 years of high school and 4 years of college). Vocational and technical education was influenced by the German and Japanese systems of education.

Institutions of higher education, whether public or private, come under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. It exercises control over teaching staff, academic requirements, regulation for the founding of institutions, etc.



Korea issues official educational documents in English with grades and marking system listed on the document. Transcripts should come directly from the sending institution in a sealed envelope. Official transcripts should have the seal of the issuing institution along with the signature of an official from the university.

Common Grading Systems

While these grading systems are the most frequently seen by the Graduate, International Admissions Office, the grading system provided on the transcript would be the most valid and should be used to determine the GPA.

Percent	Korean	Description	OSU
90 to 100	Su	Excellent	A
80 to 89	Wu	Good/Above avg.	B
70 to 79	Mi	Fair/Average	C
60 to 69	Yang	Inferior but passing	D
0 to 59	Ga	Failure	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Top Institution in Korea

General Studies Institutions

Seoul National University
Korea University
Yonsei University
Sogang University
Ewha Woman's University
Sungkyunkwan University
Chonnam National University
Kyungpook National University
Kyung Hee University
Hanyang University
Pusan National University
Chonbuk National University
Chungnam National University

Science & Technology Institutions

Korea Advanced Inst. of Science & Tech
Pohang University of Science & Tech



Lebanon

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Licence** – completion of 3 to 5 years of post-secondary study. 4 years of study needed for admission into OSU grad programs.
- **Bachelor's Degree** – completion of 3 to 5 years of post-secondary study. 4 years of study needed for admission into OSU grad programs.
- **Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures/DES (Diploma of Higher Studies)** – completion of 4 to 6 years of post-secondary study.
- **Maîtrise** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study or 1 to 2 years of study beyond the *Licence*.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies/DEA (Diploma of Advanced Studies)** – completion of 1 year of study beyond the 4-year *Licence* or *Maîtrise* degrees, or 1 ½ to 2 years of study beyond a 3-year *Licence*.
- **Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures/DES (Diploma of Higher Studies)** – completion of 1 to 2 years of study beyond the 4-year *Licence*, *Maîtrise*, *Diplôme* or Bachelor's degree.
- **Master's Degree** – completion of 2 years of study beyond a 4-year Bachelor's degree.
- **Magistère** – completion of 1 year of study beyond the 4-year *Licence*.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorat** – is awarded after 3 years of study beyond the *Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies*.
- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – is awarded in the American patterned institutions of education.

Additional Information

French missionaries first began educational activities in Lebanon in the early 19th century and in 1899, Presbyterian ministers from the United States founded the American University in Beirut. Primary and secondary schools still follow the French pattern of education while colleges and universities are largely based on the U.S. model. Since 1997/1998, the Lebanese educational systems has been undergoing a series of structural reforms aimed at updating curricula and teach methodologies while making education programs more relevant to the needs of regional and global labor markets. Both private and public universities fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education and the Ministry of Technical and Vocational Education. All institutions of higher education in Lebanon are privately run with the exception of the Lebanese university, which offers free tuition.

Universities in Lebanon

Antonine University
University of Balamand
Beirut University College
Islamic University of Beirut
American University in Beirut
Islamic University of Lebanon

Lebanese American University
Notre Dame University, Louaize
Holy-Spirit University (*Universite Saint-Esprit*)
Lebanese University (*al-Jami'ah al-Lubnaniyya*)
Haigazian University College (*Ma'had Haikazian*)

St. Joseph University Beirut (*Universite Saint Joseph*)
Arab University of Beirut (*Jami'at Bayrut al-Arabiyya*)
Saint Paul's School of Philosophy and Technology
(*Institiut Saint-Paul de Philosophie et de Theologie*)



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Common Grading Systems

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20 Point Scale

Grading	Description	OSU Equiv.
18 – 20	Exceptionnel (Excellent)	A
16 – 17.9	Tres Bien (Very Good)	A-/B+
14 – 15.9	Bien (Good)	B
12 – 13.9	Assez Bien (Satisfactory)	B-/C+
10 – 11.9	Passable (Passing)	C
00 – 9.9	Failing	E

100 Point Scale

Grading	Description	OSU Equiv.
90 – 100	Exceptionnel (Excellent)	A
80 – 89	Tres Bien (Very Good)	B
70 – 79	Bien (Good)	C
60 – 69	Assez Bien (Satisfactory)	D
00 – 59	Passable (Passing)	E

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Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 18 on a 20 point scale or 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Malaysia

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Sarjana Muda [Bachelor's degree (3 year Honors degree)]** – awarded after the completion of 3 years of post secondary study. The degree must be awarded at the Honors classification to be eligible for graduate admission consideration.
- **Sarjana Muda [Bachelor's degree]** – awarded after the completion of 4 to 5 years of post secondary study. The degrees are awarded with Honors and General classifications.
- **Bachelor's degree in Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Medicine and Surgery** – awarded after the completion of 5 to 6 years of post secondary study. Considered the first professional degree in related field.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Sarjana [Master's degree]** – awarded after completion of 1 to 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree with Honors at least at Second Class level.
- **Postgraduate diploma** – awarded after completion of 1 to 2 years beyond a Bachelor's Degree from a university or equivalent qualifications and/or experience acknowledged by the Senate.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktor Falsafah [Doctor of Philosophy]** – awarded after completion of a minimum of 2 years of further study and research beyond a higher level Master's degree and the ability to pursue research in the proposed field. Students must defend a thesis.

Universities in Malaysia

International Islamic University
Multimedia University
Pusat Pendidikan Jariah Jauh (IPFM Centre)
Universiti Industri Selangor
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Universiti Malaya
Universiti Malaysia Sabah
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak
Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris
Universiti Putra Malaysia
Universiti Sains Malaysia
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
Universiti Tenaga Nasional
Universiti Tun Abdul Razak
Universiti Utara Malaysia



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, polytechnics and colleges. Private universities have recently been established. All institutions of higher education are under the supervision of the Minister of Education. The Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education coordinates and monitors the activities of institutions of higher learning. The polytechnics fall under the jurisdiction of the Technical and Vocational Education Division of the Ministry. Universities are self-administered and government financed. Universities can only be established in accordance with an Incorporation Order signed by the King. The International Islamic University was founded under a co-sponsorship between the Malaysian Government, Maldives, the Organization of Islamic Conference, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Turkey, Libya and Saudi Arabia. Under the University and University Colleges Act 1995, the highest university authorities are the Administrative Board (Council) and the Senate.

Common Grading Systems

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Degree Classification	OSU Equiv.
First Class Honours	A
Second Class Honours (Upper Div.)	A-/B+
Second Class Honours (Lower Div.)	B
Third Class Honours (Pass)	B-/C+

The International Islamic University uses a letter grade scale: A-F

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of First Class Honours or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Mexico



Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Licenciatura** – completion of 3 to 5 years of post-secondary study following the *Bachillerato*. The minimum requirement to be eligible for graduate admissions is a 4-year *licenciatura*.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Maestría** – awarded after completion of 1 to 2 years of graduate level study following the *licenciatura*. Considered equivalent to a U.S. master's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorado** – usually awarded after completion of 2 years of full time study following the *licenciatura*. May be considered approaching or equivalent to a U.S. doctorate degree, on a case-by-case basis.

Additional Information

In the year 2000, there were 1663 institutions of higher education: 658 public institutions and 1005 private institutions. Through their economic dependence they are divided into: a subsystem of public universities; technological education institutions; technological universities; private institutions and teacher training colleges. The public subsystem includes 45 institutions, which include federal and state universities, which are autonomous. The technological institutions include 147 public institutions, 102 of which are coordinated by the Federal Government through the Under Secretariat of Education and Technological Research of the Public Education Secretariat. The other 45 institutions are decentralized institutions of the state governments. The technological universities are public decentralized organizations of the state governments created in 1991 to offer two-year programs to train associate professionals. In the year 2000, there were 38 technological universities. Private institutions comprise: universities, institutes and centers. Studies must have received the Reconocimiento de Validez Oficial de Estudios (RVOE) of the Secretariat for Public Education or the state governments or be incorporated in a public recognized institution.

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Common Grading Systems

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Grade scale with 7 (70) as minimum passing grade

Spanish	Letter	English	10 pt.	Percent	OSU
Excelente	E	Excellent	10.0	100	A
Muy Bien	MB	Very Good	9.0 – 9.9	90 – 99	A
Bien	B	Good	8.0 – 8.9	80 – 89	B
Suficiente	S	Sufficient	7.0 – 7.9	70 – 79	C
No Acreditada	NA	Not Passing	0.0 – 6.9	00 – 69	E

Grade scale with 6 (60) as minimum passing grade

Spanish	Letter	English	10 pt.	Percent	OSU
Excelente	E	Excellent	10.0	100	A
Muy Bien	MB	Very Good	9.0 – 9.9	90 – 99	A
Bien	B	Good	7.5 – 8.9	75 – 89	B
Suficiente	S	Sufficient	6.0 – 7.4	60 – 74	C
No Acreditada	NA	Not Passing	0.0 – 5.9	00 – 59	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Partial List of Universities in Mexico

Benemerita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla	Univ. Autónoma de Aguascalientes	Univ. Autó. del Estado de México	Universidad del Bajío	Universidad Latina
Centro de Estudios Universitarios Monterrey	Univ. Autónoma de Baja California	Univ. Autó. del Estado de Morelos	Universidad del Mar	Universidad Latinoamericana
Centro de Estudios Universitarios Xochicalco	Universidad Autónoma de Campeche	Univ. Autónoma del Noreste	Universidad del Mayab	Universidad Madero
CETYS Universidad	Universidad Autónoma de Chiapingo	Univ. Autónoma Metropolitana	Universidad del Noreste	Univ. Mesoamericana de San Agustín
Instituto Politécnico Nacional	Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas	Universidad Cristóbal Colón	Universidad del Noroeste	Universidad Mexicana
Inst. Tecnológico Auto. de México	Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua	Universidad Cuauhtémoc	Universidad del Norte	Universidad Mexicana del Noreste
Instituto Tecnológico de Aguascalientes	Univ. Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez	Universidad de Celaya	Universidad del Tepeyac	Univ. México Americana del Norte
Instituto Tecnológico de Sonora	Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila	Univ. de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas	Univ. del Valle de Atemajac	Univ. Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)	Univ. Autónoma de Fresnillo	Universidad de Colima	Univ. del Valle de Puebla	Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México
Inst. Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente	Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara	Univ. de Cuautitlán Izcalli	Univ. del Valle del Bravo	Universidad Obrera de Mexico
Universidad Anáhuac	Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero	Universidad de Guanajuato	Univ. Hispanoamericana	Universidad Olmeca
Univ. Autónoma "Benito Juárez" de Oaxaca	Universidad Autónoma de la Laguna	Universidad de Hermosillo	Universidad Iberoamericana	Universidad Panamericana
Univ. Autó. Agraria "Antonio Narro"	Univ. Autónoma de Nuevo León	Universidad de la Sierra A.C.	Universidad Intercontinental	Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
	Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro	Universidad de las Américas	Univ. Juárez Autónoma de Tabasco	Univ. Popular Auto. del Estado de Puebla
	Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa	Univ. de las Américas - Puebla	Univ. Juárez del Estado de Durango	Universidad Regiomontana
	Univ. Autónoma de Tamaulipas	Universidad de Monterrey	Universidad Justo Sierra	Universidad Regional del Sureste
	Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala	Universidad de Norteamérica	Universidad Kino	Universidad Simón Bolívar
	Univ. Autó. de Veracruz Villa Rica	Universidad de Occidente	Universidad La Salle	Univ. Tecnológica de la Mixteca
	Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán	Universidad de Quintana Roo	Universidad Lasallista Benavente	Universidad Tecnológica de México
	Univ. Autónoma de Zacatecas	Universidad de San Miguel		Univ. Tecnológica de Nezahualcoyotl
	Univ. Autónoma del Carmen	Universidad de Sonora		Universidad Veracruzana
	Univ. Autó. del Estado de Hidalgo			

Sources: NAFSA's 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 AACRAO – 1982 World Education Series: Mexico



**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Bachelor's degree** – awarded after the completion of 3 to 5 years of post-secondary study. A minimum of 4 years of post-secondary study is required to be eligible for graduate admissions.
- **Bachelor's degree in Agriculture or Engineering** – awarded after the completion of 4 year of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor's degree in Medicine, Surgery, Veterinary Science or Animal Husbandry** – awarded after the completion of 5 ½ years of post-secondary study.
- **Postgraduate Diploma** – awarded after the completion of 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a bachelor's degree.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Master's degree** – awarded after the completion of 2 to 3 years of post-secondary study beyond a bachelor's degree.
- **Master's degree in Surgery** – awarded after the completion of 3 years of post-secondary study beyond a bachelor's degree.
- **Master of Philosophy** – awarded after the completion of 1½ years of post-secondary study in the fields of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – awarded after the completion of 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a master's degree.

Higher education in Nepal is mainly provided by the following universities:

- Tribhuvan University
- Siddhartha University
- Purbanchal University
- Pokhara University
- Mahendra Sanskrit University
- Kathmandu University
- B.P. Korala Institute of Health Science

There are five institutes at Tribhuvan University (Medicine, Engineering, Science, Agriculture and Forestry), four research centers, four faculties (Humanities and Social Science, Management, Law, and Education), as well as 61 constituent and 140 affiliated campuses.



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Additional Information

The authorities responsible for policy formulation at national level are the Ministry of Education and the National Planning Commission. The budget allocated for development is disbursed to the universities by the Ministry of Education and the budget for the operation of the universities of the public sector is allocated through the University Grants Commission. Each university has a University Council, an Academic Council, an Executive Council and a University Service Commission. Universities are autonomous.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

<u>Transcript Grade</u>	<u>OSU Equiv.</u>
Division I Distinction	A
Division II Merit	B
Division III Pass	C

Refer to transcript for individual numerical percentage. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of Division I Distinction or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Nigeria

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond the Senior School Certificate or 3 years of study beyond the General Certificate of Education-Advance Level (phased of in the 1990's).
- **Bachelor of...Agriculture, Architecture, Engineering, Fine Arts, Laws, Nursing or Technology** – completion of 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study beyond the Senior School Certificate or 3 to 4 years of study beyond the General Certificate of Education-Advance Level (phased of in the 1990's).
- **Bachelor of...Dental Science, Medicine, Surgery, or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine** – completion of 5 to 6 years of post-secondary study beyond the Senior School Certificate or 4 to 5 years of study beyond the General Certificate of Education-Advance Level (phased of in the 1990's).

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – completion of 2 to 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's degree or in some cases 3 to 5 years beyond a Bachelor's Degree.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, polytechnics, institutions of technology, colleges of education (which form part of the universities and polytechnic colleges or are affiliated to these) and professional institutions. Universities can be established either by federal or state governments. Each university is administered by a council and a senate. Within the universities, the institutes and colleges are more or less autonomous. The Senior School Certificate, representing 12 years of education is required for entry to university. Students must take a year of preliminary study if they do not have the proper background for admission.

Universities in Nigeria

Abia State University
 Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University
 Ahmadu Bello University
 Ambrose Alli University
 Bayero University
 Benue State University
 Delta State University
 Enugu State University
 Federal University of Technology, Akure
 Federal University of Technology, Minna
 Federal University of Technology, Owerri
 Federal University of Technology, Yola

Imo State University
 Ladoko Akintola University
 Lagos State University
 Nigerian Defence Academy
 Nnamdi Azikiwe University
 Obafemi Awolowo Univ. (University of Ife)
 Olabisi Onabanjo University
 Rivers State Univ. of Science & Technology
 University of Abuja
 University of Ado-Ekiti
 University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
 University of Agriculture, Makurdi

University of Agriculture, Umudike
 University of Benin
 University of Calabar
 University of Ibadan
 University of Ilorin
 University of Jos
 University of Lagos
 University of Maiduguri
 University of Nigeria
 University of Port Harcourt
 University of Uyo
 Usmanu Dan Fodio University



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Common Grading Systems

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Letter	Percent	Classification	OSU Equiv.
A/AB	70 – 100	1 st Class Honours	A
B/BC	65 – 69	Upper 2 nd Class Honours	A-
B/BC	60 – 64	Upper 2 nd Class Honours	B
C/CD	50 – 59	Lower 2 nd Class Honours	C
D	45 – 49	3 rd Class Honours	D
E	40 – 44	Pass	D
F	00 – 39	Fail	E

Variations in grading exist between and within universities. Official transcripts usually provide information on grading procedures. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Class Honours or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Pakistan

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program

(Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Science (Honours), Bachelor of Architecture** – completion of a 4-year program of post-secondary study beyond the Higher Secondary Certificate.
- **Master's of Arts, Science, Commerce, Business Administration, Computer Science, Public Administration, Education or Social Work** – completion of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a 2-year Bachelor's Degree (Pass) in the same field or completion of 1 year of post-secondary study beyond a 3-year Bachelor's Degree (Honours) in the same field.
- **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery** – completion of a 5-year program of post-secondary study beyond the Higher Secondary Certificate.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree

(Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master of Science in Engineering, Master of Science in Computer Science** – 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the 4-year Bachelor's Degree (Honours).
- **Master of Philosophy** - 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a Master's of Arts/Master's of Science.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph. D.)** – completion of 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's degree or 2 years of study beyond a M. Phil degree.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, both public and private, and professional universities and their constituent colleges and in colleges affiliated to universities. Universities are autonomous organizations founded by the central or provincial parliament. The senate, the syndicate and the academic council are the main university bodies responsible for matters concerning studies. The University Grants Commission serves as a clearinghouse for development schemes of the universities; provides support to centers of excellence, area study centers and Pakistan study centers; supports research fellowships and research programs; and organizes pre-service and in-service training of university teachers. Nine centers of excellence, six area study centers and six Pakistan study centers have also been established in selected specialized disciplines for study and research of the highest excellence.



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Common Grading Systems

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Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Pakistan

Aga Khan University
 Agricultural Univ. Faisalabad
 Aitchison College
 Allama Iqbal Medical College
 Allama Iqbal Open Univ.
 Army Medical College
 Askari Coll. of Bus. Admin. & Comp. Sci.
 Ayub Medical College
 Azad Jammu & Kashmir Univ.
 Bahauddin Zakariya Univ.
 Bahria Inst. Of Mngt. & Computer Sci.
 Cadet College Hasan
 Cadet College Mastung
 College of Acct. & Mngt. Sciences
 College of Business Admin.
 College of Business Mngt.

College of Information Tech.
 Commerc Inst. of Business Educ.
 Dawood College Of Engr. & Tech.
 Dow Medical College
 FAST Inst. of Computer Science
 Fitama Jinnah Medical College
 Ghara University
 Ghulam Ishaq Khan Inst. of Sci. & Tech.
 Gomal Univ. D. I. Khan
 Government College Lahore
 Greenwich University
 H. E. J. Research Inst. Of Chemistry
 Hamdard University
 Inst. of Business Admin.
 Inst. of Chartered Accts. of Pakistan
 Inst. of Islamic Studies & Research
 Inst. of Leadership & Mngt.
 International Islamic Univ.

Islamia University
 Islamic Int'l Engineering College
 Islamic Int'l Medical College
 Isra University
 Karachi Medical & Dental College
 Karachi University
 King Edward Medical College
 Lahore Univ. of Mngt. Sciences
 Liaquat Univ. of Med. & Health Sci.
 Margalla Inst. of Health Science
 Mehran Univ. of Engineering & Tech.
 Mehran University
 National College of Arts
 National Univ. of Science & Tech.
 NED Univ. of Engineering & Tech.
 Nishtar Medical College
 NWFP Univ. of Engineering & Tech.
 Pakistan Air Force Academy

Punjab College of Business Admin.
 Punjab Inst. of Computer Sciences
 Quaid-e-Azam Medical College
 Quaid-e-Azam University
 Rawalpindi Medical College
 S.M.Govt. Law College
 Sindh Agricultural Univ.
 Sindh Medical College
 Sindh University
 Sir Syed Univ. of Engineering & Tech.
 Textile Inst. of Pakistan
 The Pak-American Inst. of Mngt. Sci.
 Univ. of Balochistan
 University of Engineering & Tech.
 Univ. of Peshawar
 Univ. of the Punjab
 Usman Inst. of Tech.

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 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
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 Government of Pakistan Website: <http://www.pak.gov.pk>



Peru

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachiller** – completion of at least 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Licenciatura** – awarded after successful submission of a thesis following a Bachiller. This normally takes 6 months to 1 year.
- **Titulo Profesional (Ingeniero, Médico, Abogado, Economista...)** – awarded after successful submission of a thesis following a Bachiller. This normally takes 6 months to 1 year.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Especialista** (Specialist in...) – completion of 1 ½ to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the Bachiller, Licenciatura or Titulo.
- **Maestro or Magister** – completion of 1 ½ to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the Bachiller, Licenciatura or Titulo.

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- **Doctor** – completion of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the Maestro or Magister.



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20-point	Percent	OSU Equiv.
15-20	90-100	A
13-14	80-89	B
11-12	70-79	C
0-10	0-69	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 18 on a 20 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by public and private universities, schools, higher institutes and postgraduate centers. Higher education is regulated by the Constitution of 1980, the General Law of Education of 1982 and the University Law of 1983. Universities are autonomous and each has a University Assembly made up of the Rector, the Vice-Rectors, the Deans of the faculties, the Director of the graduate school and representatives from teaching and student groups. The Assembly is the ultimate authority and elects the Rector and the Vice-Rectors.

State universities are publicly funded and are coordinated by the Asamblea Nacional de Rectores, which defines the objectives of university activities, ensures their coordination and oversees their economic development. Private universities, teaching institutes and technological institutes receive subsidies. In 1995, a Consejo Nacional para la Autorización de Funcionamiento de Universidades (CONUFA) was created to oversee the creation and functioning of universities and deal with the problems of private universities.

Universities in Peru

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú	Universidad Nacional de Educación Enrique Guzmán y Valle	Universidad Nacional del Callao	Universidad Particular Inca Garcilaso de la Vega
Universidad Alas Peruanas	Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería	Universidad Nacional del Centro del Perú	Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
Universidad Andina del Cusco	Universidad Nacional de la Amazonía Peruana	Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal	Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas
Universidad Andina Nestor Caceares Velasquez	Universidad Nacional de La Libertad, Trujillo	Universidad Nacional Hermilio Valdizan	Universidad Peruana Union
Universidad Católica de Santa María	Universidad Nacional de Piura	Universidad Nacional Jorge Basadre Grohmann	Universidad Privada Antenor Orrego
Universidad César Vallejo	Universidad Nacional de San Agustín	Universidad Nacional José Faustino Sánchez Carrión	Universidad Privada del Norte
Universidad Científica del Sur	Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad	Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos	Universidad Privada Los Andes
Universidad de Lima	Universidad Nacional de San Cristóbal de Huamanga	Universidad Nacional Pedro Ruiz Gallo	Universidad Privada San Juan Bautista
Universidad de Piura	Universidad Nacional de San Martín	Universidad Nacional San Luis Gonzaga	Universidad Privada San Pedro
Universidad de Tacna	Universidad Nacional de Santa - Chimbote	Universidad Nacional Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo	Universidad Ricardo Palma
Universidad del Pacífico	Universidad Nacional de Tumbes	Universidad Norbert Wiener	Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola
Universidad Femenina del Sagrado Corazón	Universidad Nacional del Altiplano	Universidad Particular de Chiclayo	Universidad San Martín de Porres
Universidad Marcelino Champagnat			Universidad San Pablo
Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina			Universidad Tecnológica del Perú
Universidad Nacional Agraria La Selva			
Universidad Nacional Daniel Alcides Carrion			
Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca			



Philippines

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Batsiyer sa Agham [Bachelor of Arts], Batsilyer sa mga Sining [Bachelor of Science]** – awarded after 4 to 5 years (most commonly 4 years) of post-secondary study.
- **Doctor of Dentistry [D.D.S.], Doctor of Dental Medicine [D.D.M], Doctor of Optometry [O.D.], Doctor of Veterinary Medicine [D.V.M.]** – awarded after 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in respective field.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Dalubhasa, Kadalubhasaan, or Masterado [Master's Degree]** – awarded upon completion of 2 year's of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorate Degree [D.B.A., D.M.E., D.P.A., Ed.D., Ph.D.]** – awarded upon completion of a further 2 to 3 years of post-graduate study following a Master's degree and a dissertation.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by higher education institutions (HEI) composed of public and private universities and colleges. The state universities and colleges (SUCs) on which charters have been conferred are autonomous. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) encourages the HEIs to raise the accreditation level of their programs/courses with the accrediting agencies under the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines. The Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges maintains cooperation among its members and with the CHED to attain excellence in higher education. The CHED, created in 1994, oversees both public and private HEIs. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority oversees postsecondary technical and vocational education, while the Department of Education, Culture and Sports oversees elementary and high school education.

Universities in Philippines

Adamson University	Holy Angel University	Silliman University	University of San Jose Recoletos
Angeles University	Liceo de Cagayan University	Tarlac State University	University of Santo Tomas
Aquinas University	Manila Central University	Technological Univ. of the Philippines	University of Southern Mindanao
Arellano University	Manuel L. Quezon University	University of Asia and the Pacific	University of the East, Colocan
Ateneo de Davao University	Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation	University of Baguio	University of the East, Manila
Ateneo de Manila University	Mindanao State Univ. - Iligan Inst. of Tech	University of Batangas	University of the East, Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center
Ateneo de Naga University	Misamis University	University of Bohol	University of the Immaculate Conception
Ateneo de Zamboanga University	Northwestern University of the Philippines	University of Cebu	University of the Philippines Diliman
Benguet State University	Notre Dame of Marbel University	University of Mindanao	University of the Philippines Los Banos
Bicol University	Notre Dame University	University of Nueva Caceres	University of the Philippines Manila
Central Luzon State University	Philippine Christian University	University of Pangasinan	University of the Philippines Mindanao
Central Philippine University	Philippine Normal University	University of Perpetual Help	University of the Philippines Open Univ.
Centro Escolar University	Philippine Women's University	University of Regina Carmeli	University of the Philippines Visayas
Davao Doctors College	Polytechnic University of the Philippines	University of Saint La Salle	Virgen Milagrosa University Foundation
De La Salle University (System)	Saint Louis University	University of San Agustin	Western Mindanao State University
Don Mariano Marcos Mem'l St. Univ.	Saint Mary's University	University of San Carlos	Xavier University
Far Eastern University	Saint Paul University		



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Common Grading Systems

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Numeric	OSU Equiv.	Percent	OSU Equiv.
1.00	A	97 – 100	A
1.25 – 1.50	A-	94 – 96	A-
1.75	B+	91 – 93	B+
2.00	B	88 – 90	B
2.25	B-	85 – 87	B-
2.50	C+	83 – 84	C+
2.75 – 3.00	C	80 – 82	C
4	D	75 – 79	C-
5	E	70 – 74	D
		00 – 69	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1.5 on a reverse 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Poland

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Dyplom (Diploma) indicating the Tytuł Magister (Title of Master)** – completion of 4 to 5 years of postsecondary study following the Maturity Certificate.
- **Dyplom (Diploma) indicating the Tytuł Dentysta (Title of Dentist)** – completion of 5 years of postsecondary study following the Maturity Certificate. First professional degree in dentistry.
- **Dyplom (Diploma) indicating the Tytuł Lekarz Weterynari (Title of Veterinary Physician)** – completion of 6 years of postsecondary study following the Maturity Certificate. First professional degree in veterinary medicine.
- **Dyplom (Diploma) indicating the Tytuł Lekarz (Title of Physician)** – completion of 6 years of postsecondary study following the Maturity Certificate. First professional degree in medicine.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

The following credential represents a level of achievement beyond a U.S. master's degree and is sometimes comparable to a U.S. doctoral degree. Determination needs to be made case-by-case.

- **Doktor nauk** – completion of a minimum of 3 years of further study beyond a Dyplom.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktor Habilitowany** – represents recognition of publish post-doctoral scholarly research.



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Common Grading Systems

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5-point scale

Numeric	Polish	Translation	OSU Equiv.
5	Bardzo Dobry	Very Good	A
4	Dobry	Good	B
3	Dostateczny	Satisfactory	C
0 – 2	Niedostateczny Zaliczenie	Unsatisfactory Credit	E P

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 4.5 on a 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale

Additional Information

The higher education system in Poland is comprised of both university-type and non-university type (professional education) institutions. Graduates of higher professional courses are awarded the professional title of *licencjat* or *inżynier* after 3-4 years' study. Graduates of university-type higher education institutions are awarded the professional title of *magister* or an equivalent.

In the case of holders of the professional title of *licencjat* or *inżynier*, a *magister* can be awarded after completing 1.5 to 2-year of complementary *magister* level courses. Most higher education institutions are under the responsibility of the Ministry of National Education and Sport. Some, however, are under the control of other competent Ministries: Ministry of Health (Academies of Medicine) and Ministry of Culture (Academies of Music, Fine Arts, Theatre, and Film Studies).

Partial List of Higher Education Institutions in Poland

Academy of Econ. in Cracow	Fine Arts Acad. "Jan Matejko" in Cracow	Medical Academy "Karol Marcinkowski" in Poznan	Pedagogical Univ. of Slupsk	Technical Univ. of Lodz
Academy of Econ. in Katowice	Fine Arts Academy in Gdansk	Medical Academy "Ludwik Rydygier" in Bydgoszcz	Pedagogical Univ. of Zielona Gora	Technical Univ. of Lublin
Academy of Econ. in Poznan	Fine Arts Academy in Poznan	Music Academy "Felix Nowowiejski" in Bydgoszcz	Physical Education Academy "Eugeniusz Piasecki" in Poznan	Technical Univ. of Opole
Adam Mickiewicz Univ. of Poznan	Fine Arts Academy "Wladyslaw Strzeminski" in Lodz	Music Academy "Fryderyk Chopin" in Warszawa	Physical Education Academy "Jozef Pilsudski" in Warszawa	Technical Univ. of Poznan
Agricultural Univ. of Cracow	Gdynia Maritime Academy	Music Academy "Ignacy Jana Paderewski" in Poznan	Physical Educ. Acad. in Cracow	Technical Univ. of Radom
Agricultural Univ. of Lublin	Jagiellonian University Cracow	Music Academy "Stanislaw Moniuszko" in Gdansk	Physical Educ. Acad. in Wroclaw	Technical Univ. of Rzeszow
Agricultural Univ. of Poznan	Ludwik Solski State Acad. of Theatre in Cracow	Music Academy in Cracow	Pomeranian Academy of Medicine in Szczecin	Technical Univ. of Szczecin
Agricultural Univ. of Szczecin	Maria Curie-Sklodowska Univ. Lublin	Music Academy in Lodz	Poznan School of Banking	Technical Univ. of Warsaw
Agricultural-Tech. Acad. in Bydgoszcz	Maria Grzegorzewska College for Special Education	Nicolaus Copernicus Univ. of Torun	Ryszard Lazarski University of Commerce and Law in Warszawa	Technical Univ. of Wroclaw
Agricultural-Tech. Acad. in Olsztyn	Maritime University in Szczecin	Pedagogical Univ. of Bydgoszcz	Silesian Acad. of Medicine in Katowice	Technical Univ. of Zielona Gora
Akademia Podlaska	Medical Academy in Bialystok	Pedagogical Univ. of Czestochowa	Silesian Tech. Univ. of Gliwice	University of Bialystok
Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Univ. in Warszawa	Medical Academy in Gdansk	Pedagogical Univ. of Kielce	Technical Univ. of Bialystok	University of Gdansk
Catholic University of Lublin	Medical Academy in Lodz	Pedagogical Univ. of Krakow	Technical Univ. of Cracow	University of Lodz
Christian Theological Acad. in Warszawa	Medical Academy in Lublin	Pedagogical Univ. of Rzeszow	Technical Univ. of Czestochowa	Univ. of Mngt. and Marketing
	Medical Academy in Warszawa		Technical Univ. of Gdansk	Stanislaw Staszic
	Medical Academy in Wroclaw		Technical Univ. of Kielce	University of Opole
			Technical Univ. of Koszalin	University of Silesia
				University of Szczecin
				University of Warsaw
				Warsaw School of Economic



Romania

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Diploma de Licenta (Licentiate Diploma)** – awarded after 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study beyond a *Bacalaureat* diploma.
- **Diploma de Inginer (Engineer Diploma)** – awarded after 5 years of post-secondary study beyond a *Bacalaureat* diploma.
- **Diploma de Licenta in Farmacie (Licentiate Diploma in Pharmacy)** – awarded after 5 years of post-secondary study beyond a *Bacalaureat* diploma. First professional degree in Pharmacy.
- **Diploma de Doctor-Medic (Medical Doctor Diploma), Diploma de Doctor-Medic Veterinar (Veterinary Doctor Diploma) and Diploma de Architect (Architect Diploma)** – awarded after 6 years of post-secondary study beyond a *Bacalaureat* diploma. First professional degree in Medicine or Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Architecture.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Diploma de Studii Aprofundate de Master (Diploma of Advanced Study)** – 1 to 2 year Master's program beyond a *Diploma de Licenta* (Licentiate Diploma) or comparable professional qualification.
- **Diploma de Absolvire (Diploma of Completion) or Certificate for a Cursul Postuniversitar (Certificate for a Post-university Course)** – represents advanced graduate achievement in the field of specialization. Typically 1 to 2 years of study beyond a *Diploma de Licenta* (Licentiate Diploma) or comparable professional qualification.
- **Diploma [from a] Scoala de Inalte Studii Postuniversitare (Diploma from a School for Higher Post-university Study)** – awarded after 1 to 2 years of study beyond a *Diploma de Licenta* (Licentiate Diploma) or comparable professional qualification.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Diploma de Doctor (Doctor Diploma)** – awarded after 4 to 6 years of study beyond a *Diploma de Licenta* (Licentiate Diploma) or comparable professional qualification.



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Additional Information

Higher education in Romania is offered in both public and private higher education institutions. These include universities, academies, *politechnics*, institutes and colleges, organized in specialized departments. In accordance with its objectives, university education comprises: short university education carried out in university colleges (3 years), long university education (duration 4 to 6 years) and postgraduate university education (duration 1 to 2 years). Public higher education institutions are coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Research. University autonomy is fully guaranteed. Private higher education is an alternative to public education. It is subject to an accreditation process. Accredited private institutions may obtain state support.

Common Grading Systems

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Numeric	Romanian	Description	OSU Equiv
10 – zece	<i>Excelent</i>	Excellent	A
9 – noua	<i>Excelent</i>	Excellent	A
8 – opt	<i>Bun</i>	Good	B
7 – sapte	<i>Bun</i>	Good	B
6 – sase	<i>Suficient</i>	Satisfactory	C
5 – cinci	<i>Suficient</i>	Satisfactory	C
4 – patru	--	(Failing)	E
3 – trei	--	(Failing)	E
2 – doi	--	(Failing)	E
1 – uni	--	(Failing)	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Romania

Al.I.Cuza Iasi University of Iasi
Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj
Politehnica University of Bucharest
Polytechnical University of Bucharest
Technical University of Cluj
Technical University of Iasi

Technical University of Targu Mures
Technical University of Timisoara
University of Craiova
University of Galati
University of Medicine and Pharmacy
West University of Timisoara



Russian Federation

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program

(Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Diplom (Diploma)** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bakalavr (Bachelor's Degree)** – completion of a minimum of 4 years full-time post-secondary study. The programs include professional and special courses in science, humanities, social-economic disciplines, professional training, completion of final research project and sitting for State final exams.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree

(Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Diplom Spetsialista (Specialist Diploma)** – completion of at least 1 year of post-graduate study after the *Bakalavr* (Bachelor's Degree) or completion of 5 to 6 years of continuous study beyond the *Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii*. The Specialist Diploma is a professional qualification that gives the right to exercise professional activities in the specific field and to apply for doctoral programs.
- **Magistr (Master's Degree)** – completion of 2 years of full-time post-graduate study beyond the *Bakalavr* (Bachelor's Degree). Students must carry out a year of research including practice, defend a thesis and sit for final examinations.
- **Kandidat Nauk** – completion of a 3-year post-graduate *Aspirantura* program beyond the Specialist Diploma or *Magistr* (Master's Degree). Access to the *Aspirantura* is competitive. Students must learn teaching methods, pass qualifying (*Kandidat Nauk*) exams, carry out independent research, and defend a dissertation in public.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor Nauk** program is specific and its duration is not fixed. It follows the *Kandidat Nauk* and is awarded after preparation and public defense of a dissertation. It does not always have an equivalent in other countries.

Universities in Russia

Acad. of Mngt. & Entrepreneurship Adeyeja State Univ.	Ivanovo St. Acad. of Medicine Ivanovo State Power Univ.	Moscow St. Tech. Univ. of Civil Aviation Moscow State Univ.	Rybinsk St. Acad. of Aviation Tech. Sakhalin State Univ.	Tomsk State Univ. of Control Systems and Radioelectronics
Altai State Tech. Univ.	Ivanovo State Textile Academy Ivanovo State Univ.	Moscow State Univ. of Civil Engr. Moscow State Univ. of Culture	Samara State Aerospace Univ. Samara State Tech. Univ.	Tula State Univ.
Altai State Univ.	Jewish Univ. in Moscow	Moscow St. Univ. of Econ. Statistics & Informatics	Samara State Univ. Samara St. Univ. of Teacher Training	Tver State Univ.
Amur State Univ.	Kabardino-Balkarian St. Univ. Kaliningrad State Univ.	Moscow St. Univ. of Forestry Engr. Moscow St. Univ. of Tech. (Stankin)	Saratov State Medical Univ. Saratov State Tech. Univ.	Tyumen State Univ.
Arhangelsk State Tech. Univ.	Kaluga State Pedagogical Univ. Kazan State Univ.	Moscow Tech. Univ. of Info. & Comm. Moscow Univ. Touro	Saratov State Univ. Siberian State Industrial Univ.	Udmurt State Univ.
Astrahan State Tech. Univ.	Kazan St. Univ. of Technology Kemerovo State Univ.	Murmansk State Tech. Univ. Nayanova Univ.	Siberian State Medical Univ. Siberian State Transport Univ.	Ufa State Aviation Tech. Univ.
Baltic State Tech. Univ.	Khabarovsk St. Acad. of Econ. & Law	Nevsky Inst. of Language and Culture New Economic School	Siberian State Transport Univ. Siberian State Univ. of Telecomm. & Informatics	Ufa State Inst. of Arts
Bashkir State Agrarian Univ.	Khabarovsk State Univ. of Tech. Kostroma St. Technological Univ.	Nizhny Novgorod St. Acad. of Medicine Nizhny Novgorod St. Architectural - Building Univ.	Smolensk Humanitarian Univ. Smolny Univ.	Ufa State Petroleum Tech. Univ.
Bashkir State Medical Univ.	Krasnoyarsk State Tech. Univ. Kuban State Univ.	Nizhny Novgorod State Tech. Univ. Nizhny Novgorod State Univ.	Southern Ural State Univ. St. Petersburg State ElectroTech. Univ.	Ulyanovsk State Tech. Univ.
Bashkir State Pedagogical Inst.	Kuban State Univ. of Agriculture Kuban State Univ. of Technology	North Ossetian State Univ. North-West State Tech. Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Marine Tech. Univ. St. Petersburg State Medical Univ.	Ulyanovsk State Univ.
Bashkir State Univ.	Kurgan International Univ. Kursk State Medical Univ.	Novgorod State Univ. Novosibirsk St. Acad. of Econ. & Mngt.	St. Petersburg State Medical Univ. St. Petersburg State Mining Inst.	Ural Gorkij State Univ.
Bauman Moscow State Tech. Univ.	Kuzbass State Tech. Univ.	Novosibirsk State Tech. Univ. Novosibirsk State Univ.	St. Petersburg State Univ. St. Petersburg State Univ. of Aerospace Instrumentation	Ural State Academy of Law & Geology
Birk State Pedagogical Inst.	Linguistic Univ. of Nizhny Novgorod Lipect State Tech. Univ.	Omsk State Pedagogical Univ. Omsk State Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Ural State Acad. of Mining & Geology
Bryansk State Tech. Univ.	Marij State Univ. Marij State Tech. Univ.	Orenburg State Univ. Penza State Tech. Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Tech. & Design	Ural State Acad. of Railway Transport
Burjat State Univ.	Maxim Gorky Inst. of Literature Mendeleyev Russian Univ. of Chemical Tech.	Perm State Univ. Petrozavodsk State Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Telecomm. State Univ. of Management	Ural State Conservatory
Cheljabinsk St. Inst. of Teacher Training	Modern Univ. for the Humanities Mordovian State Univ.	Plekhanov Russian Acad. of Econ. Pomor State Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Ural State Tech. Univ.
Cheljabinsk State Univ.	Moscow External Univ. of the Humn. Moscow Inst. of Physics & Tech.	Rostov State Univ. Russian St. Hydrometeorological Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Ural State Univ. of Economics
Cheljabinsk Univ. of Agricultural Engr.	Moscow Power Engr. Inst. Moscow St. Acad. of Appl. Biotech.	Russian St. Univ. for the Humanities Ryazan State Pedagogical Univ.	St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Vaganova Academy of Russian Ballet
Chuvash State Univ.	Moscow St. Auto. & Road Moscow State Industrial Univ.		St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Vladimir State Univ.
Dagestan State Univ.	Moscow St. Inst. of Int'l Relations		St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Vladivostock State Univ. of Economics
Don State Tech. Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Volgograd Medical Academy
Dubna Int'l Univ. for Nature, Soc. & Man			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Volgograd State Pedagogical Univ.
East-Siberian State Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Volgograd State Tech. Univ.
European Univ. at St. Petersburg			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Volgograd State Univ.
Far Eastern State Tech. Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Vologda State Pedagogical Univ.
Far Eastern State Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Voronezh State Academy of Technology
Finance Academy			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Voronezh State Agricultural Univ.
Gorno-Altai State Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Voronezh State Medical Academy
Herzen St. Pedagogical Univ. of Russia			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Voronezh State Pedagogical Univ.
Higher School of Economics			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Voronezh State Tech. Univ.
Inst. for the Economy in Transition			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Voronezh State Univ.
Int'l Banking Inst., St. Petersburg			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Vyatka State Pedagogical Univ.
International East-European Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Yakutsk State Univ.
Int'l Univ. of Engineering, Moscow			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Yaroslavl Int'l Univ. of Business & New Technologies
Int'l Univ. of Fundamental Studies			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Yaroslavl State Pedagogical Univ.
Irkutsk State Acad. of Economics			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Yaroslavl State Tech. Univ.
Irkutsk State Tech. Univ.			St. Petersburg St. Univ. of Econ. & Finance	Yaroslavl State Univ.



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by public and non-public accredited higher education institutions (HEIs). Education in public HEIs is not completely free of charge. Approximately one-third of the students pay for their studies. In non-State HEIs all students must pay tuition fees. Higher education is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation, which is responsible for the accreditation and licensing of HEIs and for developing and maintaining State Educational Standards. There are about 3000 non-university level educational institutions - *technikum*, *uchilische*, and *colleges*.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Number	Russian	Description	OSU Equiv.
5	<i>Otlichno</i>	Excellent	A
4	<i>Khorosho</i>	Good	B
3	<i>Udovletvoritel'no</i>	Satisfactory	C
-	<i>Zachet</i>	Passed	P
2	<i>Neudovletvoritel'no</i>	Unsatisfactory	E

Courses graded as "Passed", also translated as "Credited" or "Tested", suggest that an exam was not taken, but all requirements were met. These courses are not included in the GPA. The grade of 2 is considered failing and is not shown on transcripts.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 4.5 on a 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Saudi Arabia

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Baccaloreus Fi Al-Aadaab (Bachelor of Arts)** – awarded after the completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Baccaloreus Fi Al-'uluum (Bachelor of Science)** – awarded after the completion of 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Baccaloreus Az-Ziraa' at Wa Tibb Al-Baytari (Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine), Baccaloreus Fi Tibb Wa Jirahat Al-Hayawan (Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Surgery)** – awarded after the completion of 5 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in veterinary medicine.
- **Doktoor Fi Tibb Al-Asnaan (Doctor of Dental Science)** – awarded after the completion of 5 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in dentistry.
- **Doktoor Fi Tibb Al-Bashari (Doctor of Medicine)** – awarded after the completion of 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in medicine

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Darajat Al Majisteer (Master's degree), Majisteer Fi Idaarat Al-A'Maal (Master of Business Administration)** – awarded after the completion of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a bachelor's degree. Degree requires coursework and a dissertation.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Darajat Al Doctoorah (Doctor of Philosophy)** – awarded after the completion of 3 years of post-graduate study following the Master's degree and requires coursework and a dissertation.

Universities in Saudi Arabia

Umm Al-Qura University
King Saud University
King Khalid University
King Faisal University
King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals
King Abdul Aziz University
Islamic University of Medinah
Iman Mohammed Bin Saud Islamic University



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, an Institute of Public Administration and teachers' colleges. The Higher Education Council makes proposals relative to the overall policy of higher education and supervises the application of the state policy in scientific research. The Ministry of Higher Education supervises the execution of the Kingdom's policy in the field of higher education. Most universities accept both men and women but the University of Petroleum and Minerals and the Islamic University admit men only. English is used as the medium of instruction in technological and science fields and all other subjects are taught in Arabic.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

<u>5 pt Scale</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>OSU Equiv.</u>
5	90 – 100	A
4	80 – 89	B
3	70 – 79	C
2	60 – 69	D
1	00 – 59	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 4.5 on a 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



Singapore

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Degree (Honours)** – awarded by a university after 1 year of additional study beyond a 3-year Bachelor's Degree (Pass class) or a 3-year Bachelor's Degree (Pass with Merit class). An Honours classification may require enrollment in special modules as well as a high achievement level.
- **Bachelor's Degree [in Dentistry, Law, Engineering, Building, Estate Management]** – awarded by a university after 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor's Degrees [in Architecture, Medicine]** – awarded after 5 years of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – awarded after 1 to 3 years of postgraduate study after a Bachelor's Degree (Honours).

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy [Ph.D.]** – awarded after a minimum of 2 further years following a Master's Degree.

Additional Information

Higher education institutions can be categorized into public and non-public institutions or organizations. The institutions are operationally autonomous, self-governing, and confer degrees, diplomas, and/or certificates. Policy guidelines for admission standards, enrolment levels, student payments, etc. are the purview of the Ministry of Education.

The public sector offers a comprehensive range of post-secondary education and training opportunities divided into three types of institutions: the universities, the polytechnics, and the technical training institute.

The universities, the **National University of Singapore** and the **Nanyang Technological University**, require the highest level of qualifications by students and have the national responsibility for the provision of educational facilities at university standards, the advancement and dissemination of knowledge, and the promotion of research and scholarship. A third University, the **Singapore Management University** (SMU), is a government-funded privately managed university offering a broad-based business curriculum modeled after that of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

The focus of the polytechnics is on the education and training of middle-level and supervisory personnel to support the technological, economic, and social development of Singapore.

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) offers technical and vocational education and training programs for school leavers and workers. These courses culminate in the award of certificates accepted in industry and commercial enterprises.

Sources: NAFA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific
 Ministry of Education, Singapore: <http://www.moe.gov.sg>



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Common Grading Systems

Main grading systems used by higher education institutions. These scales are used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Description	OSU Equiv
1st Class Honours	A
2nd Class Honours (Upper)	B+
2nd Class Honours (Lower)	B
3rd Class Honours	C

Grade	Description	OSU Equiv
Dist	Distinction	A
A	Excellent	A
B	Very Good	B
C	Good	C
D	Pass	D
E	Compensation pass	D
F	Fail	E
P	Non-graded pass	P

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least a 1st Class Honours or the equivalent to a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

The non-public sector of higher education includes a diverse set of private institutions, professional organizations, and quasi-governmental bodies. The Ministry of Education must approve post-secondary programs available through the private sector. The approval process ensures provision of appropriate facilities and management structure as well as evaluating the content of the program. These institutions offer diploma, advanced diploma, and/or certificate programs in business and technical fields of study, awarded in the name of the organization. No degrees are conferred directly by these organizations, with one exception, The SEAMEO Regional Language Center, which offers a Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics.



South Africa

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Honours degree in Humanities, Commerce and Science** – completion of 1 year of further study beyond a 3 year bachelor's degree. A 3-year bachelor's degree by itself does not meet the minimum requirements for graduate admission.
- **Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, Law, Engineering, Pharmacy and Education** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor Degree of Technology (B.Tech.)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study at a Technikon including 1 year of experiential training.
- **Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine and Architecture** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor's degree in Dentistry** – completion of 5½ years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Theology** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – completion of a minimum of 1 to 2 year's of post-graduate study beyond an Bachelor's Honours Degree.
- **Master Degree in Technology (M.Tech.)** – completion of at least 1 year of post-graduate study beyond the B.Tech. degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's degree.
- **Doctor in Technology (D.Tech.)** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond the M.Tech. degree.



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Additional Information

Technikons and Universities, as autonomous institutions, are subsidized by the Department of Education, and provide training at the post senior certificate level. The Certification Council for Technikons (SERTEC) is responsible for conferring Technikon Diplomas. The Higher Education Act stipulates that higher education at Universities, Technikons and Colleges comes directly under the responsibility of the national government, whilst further education colleges report to the nine provincial governments. It has recently been planned to reduce the number of Colleges of Education and to incorporate them in the higher education system. In most cases they will be linked to universities and technical institutes.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Percent	Description	OSU Equiv
75 – 100	First Class	A
70 – 74	Second Class, Division I	A-
60 – 69	Second Class, Division II	B
50 – 59	Third Class	C
00 – 49	Fail	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or First Class or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNIKONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

UNIVERSITIES

Potchefstroom University	University of Port Elizabeth
Rand Afrikaans University	University of Pretoria
Rhodes University	University of South Africa (UNISA)
Stellenbosch University	University of the Free State
University of Cape Town	University of the Witwatersrand
University of Durban-Westville	University of Transkei
University of Fort Hare	University of the Western Cape
University of Natal (PMB)	University of Zululand
University of Natal (Dbn)	Vista University

TECHNIKONS

Border Technikon	Technikon Natal
Cape Technikon	Technikon Northern Gauteng
Mangosuthu Technikon	Technikon Pretoria
ML Sultan Technikon	Technikon South Africa
PE Technikon	Technikon Witwatersrand
Peninsula Technikon	Vaal Triangle Technikon
Technikon Free State	

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 AACRAO – 1980 World Education Series: Southern Africa
 Department of Education, South Africa: <http://education.pwv.gov.za>



Spain

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Licenciado** – completion of 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Título de Arquitecto (Title of Architect), Título de Ingeniero (Title of Engineer)** – completion of 5 to 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in the respective field.
- **Licenciado in Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine** – completion of 5 to 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in the respective field.
- **Licenciado in Medicine** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Título de Doctorado** – completion of 2 to 4 years of post-graduate study.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- No Information Available



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Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Grade	Description	Translation	OSU Equiv.
10	MH - <i>matricula de honor</i>	Distinction	A+
9 - 9.9	SB - <i>sobresaliente</i>	Outstanding	A
7 - 8.9	NT - <i>notable</i>	Good	B/B+
5 - 6.9	AP - <i>aprobado</i>	Satisfactory	C/B-
0 - 4.9	S/I - <i>suspendo</i>	Unsatisfactory	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Additional Information

Higher education is mainly provided by both public and private universities. University education is organized in cycles, each having specific objectives. First cycle (short) degree programs require 3 years of study and lead to the title of *Diplomado* in various fields, the *Ingeniero Tecnico* (Engineering Technologist) or the *Arquitecto Tecnico* (Architect Technologist). These are professional in nature and typically terminal. First and Second cycle (long) degree programs require 2 to 3 years of study in the First cycle and an additional 2 to 3 years of in the Second cycle. Most *Licenciado* programs as well as the *Título de Ingeniero* and *Título de Arquitecto* follow this two-cycle model.

The Third cycle degree is the *doctorado*, which is regulated by the Ministry of Education. The *doctorado* is the highest degree awarded in the educational system and leads to the *Título de Doctorado*. Candidates for doctoral study must hold the *Título de Licenciado, Ingeniero or Arquitecto*. The Consejo de Universidades coordinates the activities of state and private institutions, proposes the main lines of educational policy and sets up guidelines for the creation of universities, centers and institutes. It can also propose measures concerning advanced postgraduate studies and the defining of qualifications to be officially recognized throughout the country.

Partial list of Institutions of Higher Education in Spain

Iniciativa Universidad del Atlantico	Universidad de Castilla La Mancha	Universidad de Murcia	Universidad Internacional de Andalucía	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
Mondragon Unibertsitatea	Universidad de Córdoba	Universidad de Navarra	Universidad Internacional de Andalucía, Sede Antonio Machado de Baeza	Universidad Politécnica de Valencia
Universidad Abierta Interactiva	Universidad de Deusto	Universidad de Oviedo	Universidad Internacional de Andalucía, Sede La Rábida	Universidad Pontificia Comillas
Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio	Universidad de Extremadura	Universidad de Salamanca	Universidad Internacional de Menéndez Pelayo	Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca
Universidad Antonio de Nebrija	Universidad de Gerona	Universidad de San Pablo CEU	Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia	Universidad Pública de Navarra
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	Universidad de Granada	Universidad de Santiago de Compostela	Univ. Miguel Hernández de Elche	Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	Universidad de Huelva	Universidad de Sevilla	Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Universidad Católica de Ávila	Universidad de Jaén	Universidad de Valencia	Univ. Politècnica de Catalunya	Universitat de Barcelona
Universidad Católica San Antonio	Universidad de La Coruña	Universidad de Valladolid	Univ. Politècnica de Catalunya	Universitat de Les Illes Balears
Universidad Complutense de Madrid	Universidad de La Laguna	Universidad de Vigo		Universitat de Lleida
Universidad de Alcalá de Henares	Universidad de La Rioja	Universidad de Zaragoza		Universitat de Vic
Universidad de Alicante	Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	Universidad del País Vasco		Universitat Jaume I de Castellón
Universidad de Almería	Universidad de León	Universidad Europea de Madrid		Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
Universidad de Burgos	Universidad de Málaga			Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Universidad de Cádiz				Universitat Ramón Llull
Universidad de Cantabria				Universitat Rovira I Virgili Tarragon



Sri Lanka

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Degree (Special)** – awarded after 4 years of post secondary study. Students specialize in the study of one subject.
- **Postgraduate Diplomas** – generally require one year of study following upon the Bachelor degree.
- **M.B.B.S.** – awarded after 5 years of study with an additional year of internship which is compulsory.
- **Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS), Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS)** – conferred after six years, with one year's internship prior to certification.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree (M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed., M.Phil.)** – awarded after 2 years of further study beyond the Bachelor's Degree Special, usually comprised of a dissertation in addition to theory papers.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctorate (Ph.D.)** – usually conferred after 2 to 3 years of research beyond the Master's Degree and submission of a thesis.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, specialized institutions, such as technical colleges and affiliated technical units, and private institutions. There are also institutes of higher education affiliated with universities at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The University Grants Commission provides funds to universities and advises the universities and higher education institutes on administrative and academic matters. Specialized institutions of higher education provide technical and professional education. Higher education institutions are under the responsibility of the Ministry of Higher Education and Information Technology Development.



Official credentials are provided in English and are issued directly by the institution in a sealed envelope.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Percent	OSU Equiv.
70 – 100	A
64 – 69	B+
55 – 63	B
40 – 54	C
30 – 39	D
00 – 29	E

Degree Classification	Percent	OSU Equiv.
First Class	70 – 100	A
Second Class (Upper Division)	60 – 69	B+
Second Class (Lower Division)	55 – 59	B-
Pass Class	40 – 54	C

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or a First Class degree or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Institutions funded by the University Grants Commission

Universities

University of Colombo
 University of Peradeniya
 University of Sri Jayewardenepura
 University of Kelaniya
 University of Moratuwa
 University of Jaffna
 University of Ruhuna
 Eastern University, Sri Lanka
 South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
 Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
 Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
 Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
 Open University Sri Lanka

Postgraduate Institutes

Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture
 Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
 Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies
 Postgraduate Institute of Archeology
 Postgraduate Institute of Management
 Postgraduate Institute of Science

Other Institutes

Institute of Aesthetic Studies
 Institute of Indigenous Medicine
 Institute of Worker's Education
 University of Colombo School of Computing
 Gampaha Wickramarachchi Aurvedic Institute
 National Institute of Library & Information Science
 Institute of Technology

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific
 University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka: <http://www.ugc.ac.lk>



Taiwan

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Degree** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study. A total of 128 credits are required for a Bachelor Degree.
- **Bachelor of Medicine (Doctor of Medicine)** – completion of 7 years of post-secondary study or 5 years of study beyond a Bachelor's degree. First professional degree in medicine.
- **Bachelor of Dentistry (Doctor of Dentistry)** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-secondary study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's degree.

Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, 4-year colleges, open universities and junior colleges. These can be either public or private. Admission is based on the results obtained in the Universities and Colleges Joint Entrance Examination. Under the educational reform policy, all public universities have become autonomous. The Ministry of Education no longer allocates the totality of the budget to each public university. Instead it only allocates 80% of the funds, the universities having to seek the rest.

UNIVERSITIES IN TAIWAN

Aletheia University	Lunghwa University of Science & Technology	National Dong Hwa University	National University of Kaohsiung
Chang Jung Christian University	Ming Chuan University	National Kaohsiung First Univ. of University	National Yang-Ming University
Chang-Gung University	Minghsin Univ. of Sci. & Tech.	National Kaohsiung Normal University	Open University of Kaohsiung
Chaoyang University of Tech.	Nanhua University	National Kaohsiung Univ. of Applied Sciences	Providence University
Chia Nan University of Pharmacy & Science	Nat'l Yunlin Univ. of Science & Tech.	National Open University	Science & Technology
Chinese Culture University	Nat'l. Pingtung Univ. of Science & Tech.	National Sun Yat-Sen University	Shih Chien University
Chung Shan Medical University	National Central University	National Taipei University	Shih Hsin University
Chung Yuan Christian University	National Changhua Univ. of Education	National Taipei University of Tech.	Shu-Te University
Chung-Hua University	National Cheng Kung University	National Taiwan Univ. of Science & Technology	Soochow University
Da-Yeh University	National Chengchi University	National Taiwan University of Arts	Southern Taiwan Univ. of Tech.
Feng Chia University	National Chi Nan University	National Taiwan Normal University	Taipei Medical University
Fooyin Institute of Tech.	National Chiao Tung University	National Taiwan Ocean University	Taipei National University of Arts
Fu Jen Catholic University	National Chiayi University	National Tsinghua University	Tamkang University
Huafan University	National Chung Cheng University	National Univ. Preparatory School for Overseas Chinese Students	Tatung University
I-Shou University	National Chung Hsing University		Tunghai University
Kaohsiung Medical University			Tzu Chi University
Kung Shan University of Tech.			Yuan Ze University



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Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Percent	Letter	Description	OSU Equiv
80 to 100	A	Excellent	A
70 to 79	B	Good/Above Avg.	B
60 to 69	C	Fair/Average	C
50 to 59	D	Inferior but pass	D
0 to 49	F	Fail	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least an 88% or the equivalent to a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 Ministry of Education of the Republic of China: <http://www.edu.tw/english/main.html>



Tanzania

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Bachelor's Degree in Arts, Science, Commerce, Agriculture, Forestry, Law or Pharmacy** – completion of 3 years of post-secondary study following a Form VI Certificate or Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (13th year).
- **Bachelor's Degree in Engineering or Veterinary Science** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study following a Form VI Certificate or Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (13th year).
- **Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study following a Form VI Certificate or Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (13th year). First professional degree in respective field.
- **Postgraduate Diploma** – completion of 1 year of further study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Master's Degree** – completion of 1 to 3 years of post-graduate study following a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy** – completion of 2 years of a research program of study following a Master's degree.

Institutions of Higher Education in Tanzania

- Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology
- Hubert Kairuki Memorial University
- Institute of Finance Management
- International Medical & Technological University
- Mbeya Technical College
- Muhimbili College of Health Sciences
- Open University of Tanzania
- Sokoine University of Agriculture
- Technical College Arusha
- University College of Health Sciences at Bugando
- University College of Lands and Architectural Studies
- University of Dar es Salaam



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, training colleges and institutes. In addition there are several training centers designed primarily for Form VI-leavers. All higher education institutions are under the supervision of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education. The Universities are semi-autonomous and manage their own affairs under the Vice-Chancellor, who is appointed by the President of Tanzania. Their costs are subsidized by the Government.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Individual subjects:			Overall results:	
Letter	Description	OSU Equiv.	Classification	OSU Equiv.
A	Excellent	A	1 st Class	A
B+	Very Good	B+	2 nd Class, Upper Level	A-/B+
B	Good	B	2 nd Class, Lower Level	B
C	Satisfactory	C	Pass	C
D	Fail	D	Fail	E
E	Fail	E		

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 1st Class or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Sources: NAFSA – 1999 Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 NAFSA – Admission and Academic Placement of Students from Selected Sub-Saharan African Countries



Thailand

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor's Degree** – completion of 4 to 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Bachelor of Architecture or Bachelor of Pharmacy** – completion of 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dentistry or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine** – completion of 6 years of post-secondary study. First professional degree in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master's Degree** – completion of 1 to 3 years of study beyond a Bachelor's degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – completion of a minimum of 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Master's degree plus a dissertation.

Additional Information

The Ministry of University Affairs oversees the universities, both public and private, through policy formulation and planning within the framework of the national education development plan. The Ministry is also responsible for standardization of curricula, personnel management, and recommendations for budget allocation. Degrees are offered at these institutions at Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral levels. Advanced training and research programs are offered in many specific disciplines.



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Common Grading Systems

Grading at all universities is based on credit points system. Evaluation for each subject is done by grade and grade points for the course's credit hours as follows:

Letter	Point	Description	OSU Equiv
A	4.0	Excellent	A
B+	3.5	Very Good	B+
B	3.0	Good	B
C+	2.5	Fairly Good	C+
C	2.0	Fair	C
D+	1.5	Poor	D+
D	1.0	Very Poor	D
F	0.0	Fail	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Public Institutions

Burapha University
Chiang Mai University
Chulalongkorn Univ.
Kasetsart University
Khon Kaen University
KMIT – Ladkrabang
KMIT – North Bangkok
KMUT – Thonburi
Maejo University
Mae Fah Luang Univ.
Mahasarakham Univ.
Mahidol University
Naresuan University
National Institute of Development Administration
Prince of Songkla Univ.

Ramkhamhaeng University
Silpakom University
Srinakharinwirot University
Sukhothai Thammathirat Open Univ.
Suranaree Univ. of Technology
Thaksin University
Thammasat University
Ubon Ratchathani University
Walailak University

Private Institutions

Asian Univ. of Sci. and Tech.
Assumption University
Bangkok University
Bundit Asia College
Chaopraya University
Christian College
Dhurakijpundit University
Dusit Thani College
Eastern Asia University
Far Eastern College
Hatyai City College
Huachiew Chalermprakiet Univ.
Kasem Bundit University
Krikk University
Lumnamping College
Mahanakorn Univ. of Tech.
Mission College
Nivadhana University

NorthChiang Mai College
NorthEastern Polytechnic College
North Eastern University
Pathumthani College
Payap University
Phakklang College
Rajapark College
Rangsit University
Ratchatani College of Tech.
Ratchathani Udon College of Technology
Rattana Bundit College
Saengtham College
Saint John's University
Saint Louis Nursing College
Santapol College
Shinawatra University
Siam University

SouthEast Asia University
Southeast Bangkok College
Southern College of Tech.
Sripatum University
Srisophon College Nakhon
Stamford International College
Tapee College
Thonburi College of Tech.
Thongsook College
University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce
Vongchavalitkul University
Webster University Thailand
Yala Islamic College
Yonok College

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UNESCO – 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees and other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific
Ministry of University Affairs, Thailand: <http://www.inter.mua.go.th>



Turkey

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Lisans Diploması (Licentiate Diploma)** – 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Lisans Diploması (Licentiate Diploma) in Architecture, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Science** – 5 years of post-secondary study.
- **Lisans Diploması (Licentiate Diploma) in Medicine** – 6 years of post-secondary study.
- **Mühendislik Diploması** – awarded in the field of engineering after 4 years of post secondary study in universities or higher institutes of technology.

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Yüksek Lisans Diploması (Higher Licentiate Diploma)** – 1 or 2 years of study beyond the *Lisans Diploması* with thesis and non-thesis options.
- **Bilim Uzmanlığı Diploması (Science Special Diploma)** – 2 years of study beyond the *Lisans Diploması*
- **Uzmanlık Belgesi (Specialist Diploma) in Agriculture, Pharmacy and Veterinary Science** – 2-year program after the *Lisans Diploması* in the same field.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktora Diploması** – 2 years of study beyond a *Yüksek Lisans Diploması*, *Bilim Uzmanlığı Diploması* or *Uzmanlık Belgesi* and completion of a doctoral thesis (four years).



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Additional Information

Higher education is provided by state universities, including 2 higher institutes of technology, and private (foundation) universities. The supreme authority for the regulation of higher education is the Council of Higher Education, which is a fully autonomous national board of trustees without any political or government affiliation. The foundation universities are under the supervision of the Council of Higher Education and their programs must be regularly accredited. In the universities, the medium of instruction is Turkish. Some universities use English, French and German as the language of instruction with one preparatory year.

Common Grading Systems

Numerical	Percentage	Written	OSU Equiv
9 to 10	85 to 100	Pek iyi (very good)	A
7 to 8	65 to 84	Lyi (good)	B
5 to 6	50 to 64	Orta (average)	C
		Gecer (passing)	D
0 to 4	0 to 49	Gecmez (fail)	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least an 88% or a 9 on a 10 point scale or the equivalent of a 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

State Universities

Abant İzzet Baysal University
Adnan Menderes University
Afyon Kocatepe University
Akdeniz University
Anadolu University
Ankara University
Atatürk University
Balıkesir University
Boğaziçi University
Celal Bayar University
Cumhuriyet University
Canakkale Onsekiz Mart Univ.
Cukurova University
Dicle University
Dokuz Eylül University
Dumlupınar University
Ege University
Erciyes University

Firat University
Galatasaray University
Gazi University
Gaziantep University
Gaziosmanpaşa University
Gebze Institute Of Technology
Hacettepe University
Harran University
Inönü University
Istanbul University
Istanbul Technical University
Izmir Institute Of Technology
Kafkas University
Kahramanmaraş Sutcu Imam University
Karadeniz Technical University
Kirikkale University
Kocaeli University

Marmara University
Mersin University
Mimar Sinan University
Muğla University
Mustafa Kemal University
Niğde University
Ondokuz Mayıs University
Middle East Technical Univ.
Osmanlı University
Pamukkale University
Sakarya University
Selçuk University
Süleyman Demirel Univ.
Trakya University
Uludağ University
Yıldırım Teknik University
Yüzüncü Yıl University
Zonguldak Karaelmas Univ.

State Universities With Special Status

Ahmet Yesevi Türk Kazak University
Kirgizistan Türkiye Manas University

Foundation Universities

Atilim University
Bahçeşehir University
Baskent University
Beykent University
Istanbul Ticaret University
Istanbul Bilgi University
Bilkent University
Çağ University
Cankaya University
Doğuş University
Fatih University

Isik University
Izmir Ekonomi University
Halic University
Kadir Has University
Koc University
Maltepe University
Kultur University
Sabancı University
Ufuk University
Yasar University
Yeditepe University



United Kingdom (England)

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program
(Completion of 16 years of study)**

- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) [Ordinary and Honours]** – first degree, completion of 3 years of post-secondary study following GCE "A" levels.
- **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) [Ordinary and Honours]** – first degree, completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond GCE "A" levels.
- **Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)** – first degree, completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond GCE "A" levels (3 years at the B.Eng. (Hons) level plus one additional year).
- **Post Graduate Diploma** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Ordinary).

**Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree
(Completion of 18 years of study)**

- **Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.)** – (*M.A. and M.Sc. degrees from Oxford or Cambridge universities are honorary degrees not earned degrees.*) completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours).
- **Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)** – completion of 1 to 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours) in related fields.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – 3 to 5 years of supervised research following a Master's degree or Bachelor's degree (Honours)



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Common Grading Systems

Classification	Percentage	OSU Equiv
1 st Class, Honours	72 – 100	A
2 nd Class, Upper Division	62 – 71	A-/B+
2 nd Class, Lower Division	53 – 61	B/B-
Third Class	42 – 52	C+
Pass	38 – 41	C
Fail	37 – 00	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Class Honours or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Institutions of Higher Education in England

American University in London	De Montfort University	Lancaster University	Open University	Sunderland University
Anglia Polytechnic University	Derby University	Leeds Metropolitan University	Oxford Brookes University	Surrey Inst. of Art & Design, University College
Aston University	Durham University	Leeds University	Oxford University	Surrey University
Bath Spa University College	East Anglia University	Leicester University	Plymouth University	Sussex University
Bath University	East London University	Lincoln University	Portsmouth University	Teesside University
Birbeck College	Edge Hill College of Higher Education	Liverpool Hope Univ. College	Queen Mary, University of London	Thames Valley University
Birmingham College of Food, Tourism & Creative Studies	Essex University	Liverpool John Moores Univ. Liverpool University	Ravensbourne College of Design & Communication	Trinity & All Saints College
Birmingham University	Exeter University	London Business School	Reading University	Trinity College of Music
Bishop Grosseteste College	Falmouth College of Arts	London Guildhall University	Rose Bruford College of Speech & Drama	UMIST
Bolton Inst. of Higher Education	Gloucestershire University	London Institute	Royal College of Art	Univ. College Chichester
Bournemouth University	Goldsmiths College	London International College	Royal College of Music	University College London
Bradford University	Greenwich University	London School of Economics & Political Science	Royal Holloway & Bedford New College	Univ. College Northampton
Brighton University	Hammersmith & West London College	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	Royal Northern College of Music	Univ. College Worcester
Bristol University	Harper Adams Univ. College	Loughborough University	Royal Veterinary College	Univ. of Central England in Birmingham
Brunel University	Hertfordshire University	Luton University	Salford University	Univ. of Central Lancashire
Buckingham University	Holborn College	Manchester Metropolitan Univ.	School of Oriental & African Studies	University of North London
Buckinghamshire Chilterns Univ. College	Huddersfield University	Manchester University	Sheffield Hallam University	Univ. of Surrey Roehampton
Cambridge University	Hull University	Middlesex University	Sheffield University	Univ. of the West of England
Canterbury Christ Church Univ. College	Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine	Newcastle University	South Bank University	Warwick University
Central School of Speech & Drama	Inst. of Education	Newman College of Higher Educ.	Southampton Institue	Westminster University
Chester College of Higher Education	Keele University	Northern School of Contemporary Dance	Southampton University	Wimbledon School of Art
City University	Kent Inst. of Art & Design	Northumbria University	St George's Hospital Medical School	Wolverhampton University
College of St Mark & St John	Kent University	Norwich School of Art & Design	St Martin's College	Worcester College of Technology
Coventry University	King Alfred's College Winchester	Nottingham Trent University	St Mary's College	Writtle College
Cranfield University	King's College London	Nottingham University	Staffordshire University	York University
Dartington College of Arts	Kingston University		Stratford Upon Avon College	

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 UNESCO World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html
 UNESCO 1998 Handbook on Diplomas, Degrees & other Certificates in Higher Education in Asia & the Pacific (appendix)
 UK Department for Education & Skills: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk>



United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) [Ordinary and Honours]** – first degree, completion of 3 years of post-secondary study following GCE "A" levels.
- **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) [Ordinary and Honours]** – first degree, completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond GCE "A" levels.
- **Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)** – first degree, completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond GCE "A" levels (3 years at the B.Eng. (Hons) level plus one additional year).
- **Post Graduate Diploma** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Ordinary).

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.)** – (M.A. and M.Sc. degrees from Oxford or Cambridge universities are honorary degrees not earned degrees.) completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours).
- **Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)** – completion of 1 to 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours) in related fields.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – 3 to 5 years of supervised research following a Master's degree or Bachelor's degree (Honours)



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Common Grading Systems

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1 st Class, Honours	72 - 100	A
2 nd Class, Upper Division	62 - 71	A-/B+
2 nd Class, Lower Division	53 - 61	B/B-
Third Class	42 - 52	C+
Pass	38 - 41	C
Fail	37 - 0	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Class Honours or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Institutions of Higher Education in Northern Ireland

Queen's University Belfast
St Mary's University College
Stranmillis University College
University of Ulster



United Kingdom (Scotland)

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Science (Honours)** – first degree awarded upon completion of 4 years of study beyond the Scottish Certificate of Education.
- **Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Technology Education** – first degree awarded upon completion of 4 years of study beyond the Scottish Certificate of Education.
- **Master of Arts (Honours)** – first degree awarded upon completion of 4 years of study beyond the Scottish Certificate of Education.
- **Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)** – first degree awarded on completion of 1 year of study beyond a Bachelor of Engineering (Ordinary) degree or completion of 5 years of study beyond the Scottish Certificate of Education.
- **Masters of Engineering** – awarded upon completion of 2 years of study beyond a 3 year Bachelor of Engineering Program
- **Bachelor of Dental Surgery** – first professional degree awarded on completion of 4½ years of study beyond the Scottish Certificate of Education.
- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery** – first professional degree awarded on completion of 5 years of study beyond the Scottish Certificate of Education.

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master of Science** – completion of a minimum of 1 year of fulltime study beyond an Honours degree or a minimum of 3½ years of study beyond an Ordinary degree.
- **Master of Business Administration** – completion of 1 to 3 years of study beyond a an Honours degree
- **Master of Architecture, Master of Applied Science** – completion of 2 years of study beyond a an Honours degree
- **Master of Landscape Architecture** – completion of 21 months of fulltime study beyond an Honours degree
- **Master of Literature, Master of Philosophy** – completion of a variable length of post-graduate study beyond an Honours degree.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Business Administration** – completion of 2 years of study beyond a Master's degree or 3 years of study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours).

Institutions of Higher Education in Scotland

Bell College
Edinburgh College of Art
Glasgow Caledonian University
Heriot-Watt University
Napier University
Queen Margaret University College
Robert Gordon University

Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama
Scottish Agricultural College
The Glasgow School of Art
UHI Millennium Institute
University of Aberdeen
University of Abertay
University of Dundee

University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Paisley
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde



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Additional Information

Common Grading Systems

Classification	Percentage	OSU Equiv
1 st Class, Honours	72 - 100	A
2 nd Class, Upper Division	62 - 71	A-/B+
2 nd Class, Lower Division	53 - 61	B/B-
Third Class	42 - 52	C+
Pass	38 - 41	C
Fail	37 - 0	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Class Honours or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.



United Kingdom (Wales)

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) [Ordinary and Honours]** – first degree, completion of 3 years of post-secondary study following GCE "A" levels.
- **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) [Ordinary and Honours]** – first degree, completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond GCE "A" levels.
- **Master of Engineering (M.Eng.)** – first degree, completion of 4 years of post-secondary study beyond GCE "A" levels (3 years at the B.Eng. (Hons) level plus one additional year).
- **Post Graduate Diploma** – completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Ordinary).

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.)** – (*M.A. and M.Sc. degrees from Oxford or Cambridge universities are honorary degrees not earned degrees.*) completion of 1 to 2 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours).
- **Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)** – completion of 1 to 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a Bachelor's degree (Honours) in related fields.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – 3 to 5 years of supervised research following a Master's degree or Bachelor's degree (Honours)



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Common Grading Systems

Classification	Percentage	OSU Equiv
1 st Class, Honours	72 – 100	A
2 nd Class, Upper Division	62 – 71	A-/B+
2 nd Class, Lower Division	53 – 61	B/B-
Third Class	42 – 52	C+
Pass	38 – 41	C
Fail	37 – 00	E

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 88% or 1st Class Honours or the equivalent to 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Institutions of Higher Education in Wales

Cardiff University
 North East Wales Institute
 Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
 Swansea Institute of Higher Education
 Trinity College
 University of Glamorgan
 University of Wales

University of Wales College of Medicine
 University of Wales College, Newport
 University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
 University of Wales, Aberystwyth
 University of Wales, Bangor
 University of Wales, Lampeter
 University of Wales, Swansea

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 UK Department for Education & Skills: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk>
 Higher Education Wales: <http://www.hew.ac.uk>



Ukraine

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Bakalavr (Bachelor's degree)** – awarded after completion of 4 years of post-secondary study.
- **Specialist Diploma** – awarded after completion of 5 years of post-secondary study (6 years for Medicine).

Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Magister (Master's degree)** – awarded after the completion of 1 to 2 years of post-secondary study beyond the Bakalavr or Specialist's qualification. Students must pass final examinations and defend a thesis.

OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Kandydat nauk (Candidate of Sciences)** – awarded after the completion of 3 to 4 years of postgraduate study by submitting and publicly defending a thesis and passing the required examinations. Degree is comparable to the Ph.D.
- **Doctor nauk (Doctor of Sciences)** – awarded after a minimum of 3 years of further post-graduate study for candidates already holding a Kandidat nauk, on the successful presentation and defense of the Doctor nauk dissertation. Degree is considered the highest scientific degree in Ukraine.



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Additional Information

Higher education in Ukraine is administered by the Ministry of Education, which coordinates the activities of higher schools and supervises the higher schools, which are under other ministries. According to the "Law on Education", higher education includes the following levels and categories of establishment: level I - vocational schools and other HEIs of a corresponding level; level II - colleges and other HEIs of a corresponding level which teach Bachelor and junior specialist courses; level III - institutes, conservatories, academies and universities that teach Bachelor's and Specialist, as well as junior specialist courses and level IV - institutes, conservatories, academies and universities which teach Bachelor's, Master's and Specialist courses. The degree system is under reform: The old system had only one stage of undergraduate studies, the degree of "Specialist", awarded after 5 years of study. The new system comprises two stages: undergraduate and graduate, with several degree levels. A Union of Rectors was created in 1993.

Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript. If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

Number	Russian	Description	OSU Equiv.
5	<i>Otlichno</i>	Excellent	A
4	<i>Khorosho</i>	Good	B
3	<i>Udovletvoritel'no</i>	Satisfactory	C
-	<i>Zachet</i>	Passed	P
2	<i>Neudovletvoritel'no</i>	Unsatisfactory	E

Courses graded as "Passed", also translated as "Credited" or "Tested", suggest that an exam was not taken, but all requirements were met. These courses are not included in the GPA. The grade of 2 is considered failing and is not shown on transcripts.

Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 4.5 on a 5 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.

Universities in Ukraine

Bila Cerkva State Agrarian University
 Chernivci State University
 Crimea State Medical University
 Dnepropetrovsk State Technical University of Railway Transport
 Dnepropetrovsk State University
 Donetsk National University
 Donetsk State Medical University
 Donetsk State Technical University
 East Ukrainian State University
 Ivano-Frankivsk National Univ. of Oil & Gas
 Kharkov State Polytechnical University
 Kharkov State Tech. Univ. of Radio Electronics
 Kharkov State Transport Technical University
 Kharkov State University

Kherson State Pedagogical University
 Kiev International University of Civil Aviation
 KROK Institute of Economics and Law
 Lviv Polytechnical State University
 Lviv State Ivan Franko University
 Lviv State Medical University
 National Agricultural University
 National Technical University of Ukraine (Kiev Polytechnical Institute)
 National University "Kiev-Mohyla Academy"
 National University of Food Technologies
 Odessa I.I. Mecnikov State University
 Odessa State Marine University
 Odessa State Maritime Academy
 Odessa State Polytechnic University

Podilya Technological University
 Poltava State Technical University
 Precarpathian University
 Simferopol State University
 Sumy State University
 Taras Shevchenko University of Kiev
 Ukrainian Academy of Pharmacy
 Ukrainian State Chemical Technology Univ.
 Ukrainian State Marine Technical University
 University of Internal Affairs
 Uzhgorod State University
 Vinnica State M.I. Pyrogov Medical University
 Vinnica State Technical University
 Zaporizhzhie State Technical University
 Zaporizhzhie State University

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 UNESCO – World Higher Education Database: www.unesco.org/iau/whed.html