



JS&A
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INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN
APPLICANTS

INTRODUCTION

This publication was created by JS&A evaluators to assist admission officers in recruiting and advising international freshman applicants. This is not an all-inclusive publication; only the most prominent academic high school qualifications are covered. Therefore, this publication should be used in conjunction with more complete publications published by AACRAO and NAFSA. In addition, to ensure that the academic credentials submitted by international applicants are authentic, a review by an experienced international admission officer or a reputable foreign credential evaluation service is highly recommended.

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AFGHANISTAN:	Baccalauria/Baccalaureate 12 Grade Graduation Certificate
ALBANIA:	Dëftesë Pjekurie/Maturity Certificate Starting 2011: Diploma of State Matura Diplomë e Maturës Shtetërore
ALGERIA:	Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire
ANDORRA:	Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire (French education system) Bachillerato (Spanish education system) Batxillerat (Andorran education system)
ANGOLA:	Certificado de Habilitações Literarias
ANGUILLA:	Five subjects on the GCE(+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA:	Five subjects on the GCE(+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
ARGENTINA:	Bachillerato
ARMENIA:	Mijnakarg Yndhanur Krtoutian Attestat – Secondary General School Certificate
AUSTRALIA:	Australian Capital Territory – ACT Year 12 Certificate Since 2015: ACT Senior Secondary Certificate New South Wales – Higher School Certificate Northern Territory – Northern Territory Certificate of Education Queensland – Senior Certificate Since 2008: Queensland Certificate of Education South Australia – South Australian Certificate of Education Tasmania – Tasmanian Certificate of Education Victoria – Victorian Certificate of Education or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Western Australia – Western Australian Certificate of Education
AUSTRIA:	Reifeprüfungszeugnis/Reifezeugnis/Matura
AZERBAIJAN:	Certificate of General Education (Orta Tehsil Haqqinda Shadetname)
BAHAMAS:	Five subjects on the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) (+)

BAHRAIN:	Tawjahiya (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
BANGLADESH:	Higher Secondary School Certificate Intermediate Certificate
BARBADOS:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC (=)
BELARUS:	Atestat ab agulnaj siaredniaj adukacii/ Attestat ob obschem srednem obrazovanii (Certificate of General Secondary Education)
BELGIUM:	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs
BELIZE:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
BENIN:	Baccalauréat
BERMUDA:	Bermuda Secondary School Certificate
BHUTAN:	Indian School Certificate Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate (BHSEC)
BOLIVIA:	Bachillerato
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:	Up to 2013: Matura Svjedodzba/Svjedocanstvo Svjedodzba o Završnom Ispitu/ Svjedocanstvo Svjedodzba o Završnom Srednjem Obrazovanju Maturity Certificate, Certificate of Completion of Maturity Exam/ Certificate of High School Completion Starting 2013: Diploma o Položenom Maturskom Ispitu/Diploma o Završnoj Srednjoj Skoli (Gimnaziji) or (Stručna) Diploma of Passed Maturity Exam/ Diploma of Completion of Secondary School (Gymnasium or Vocational)
BOTSWANA:	Five subjects on the Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (+)
BRAZIL:	Certificado de Conclusão de 2 Grau Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Medio
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
BRUNEI:	Five subjects on the Brunei-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (+)

BULGARIA:	Diploma za Zavursheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Диплома за Средно Образование) Diploma for Completed Secondary Education
BURKINA FASO:	Baccalauréat
BURUNDI:	Diplôme d'Etat
CAMBODIA:	Baccalauréat Certificate of Upper Secondary Education
CAMEROON:	Baccalauréat Five subjects on the Cameroon GCE (+)
CANADA:	<p>Alberta – Advanced High School Diploma/ General High School Diploma Starting 1997: Alberta High School Diploma</p> <p>British Columbia – Secondary School Graduation Diploma/Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Starting 2003: British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)</p> <p>Manitoba – Completion of grade 12 Starting 2001: Manitoba High School Diploma</p> <p>New Brunswick – High School Diploma, Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes, Graduation Certificate, Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires</p> <p>New Foundland – Provincial High School Graduation Certificate Currently: High School Graduation Diploma</p> <p>Northwest Territories – Advanced High School Diploma, General High School Diploma, or Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma</p> <p>Nova Scotia – High School Completion Certificate Currently: Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma</p> <p>Ontario – Ontario Secondary School Diploma/Secondary School Graduation Diploma/Secondary School Honours Graduation Diploma Currently: Ontario Secondary School Diploma</p> <p>Prince Edward Island – High School Graduation Certificate</p> <p>Quebec – completion of 1st year of a CEGEP program (12 academic courses)</p> <p>Saskatchewan – completion of grade 12</p> <p>Yukon Territory – Diploma awarded by a Senior Secondary School and transcript from the British Columbia Department of Education confirming completion of graduation requirements</p>

CAPE VERDE:	Certificado de Habilitações Literárias Curso Geral dos Liceus (General Secondary Education) Curso Complementar dos Liceus (Combination of General Secondary Education and Technical Education)
CAYMAN ISLANDS:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:	Baccalauréat
CHAD:	Baccalauréat
CHILE:	Licencia de Educación Media
CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF, MAINLAND:	Senior Middle School Graduation Certificate Upper Secondary Vocational Certificate
HONG KONG:	Five academic subject passes on the Hong Kong Certificate of Education – HKCEE (grades A through E) and/or combined with the Hong Kong Advanced Level examinations (#). Five academic subject passes on the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education – HKDSE (grades A through D) (Starting from 2012).
COLOMBIA:	Bachillerato
CONGO:	Baccalauréat
COSTA RICA:	Bachillerato Secundaria
CROATIA:	Svjedodzba o drzavnoj maturi (after 2010 for graduates from gymnasiums). Svjedodzba a završnom ispitu (also grants access to higher education to graduates from vocational and artistic secondary schools).
CUBA:	Bachiller Bachiller Tecnico Tecnico Medio Enfermero General Maestro Primario Facultad Obrero Campesina Actor Bailarin de Espectaculos Musicales Instrumentista - Profesor de Violín y Práctica de Conjunto Profesor - Bailarina de Danzas Hispanas Instrumentista, Piano y Práctica de Conjunto Director de Coros de Aficionados - Profesor

CYPRUS:	Apolytirion Lise Bitirme Diploması
CZECH REPUBLIC:	Maturitní Vysvědčení (Maturity Certificate)
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:	Diplôme d'Etat d'Etudes Secondaires du Cycle Long (State Diploma of Long Cycle Secondary Education)
DENMARK:	Studentereksamen Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) Højere Handelseksamen (HHX)
DJIBOUTI:	Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire
DOMINICA:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:	Bachillerato
ECUADOR:	Bachillerato
EGYPT:	Thanaweya Am'ma (General Secondary School Certificate)
EL SALVADOR:	Bachillerato
ERITREA:	Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination (ESECE)
ESTONIA:	Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
ETHIOPIA:	Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination
FIJI:	Fiji School Leaving Certificate Fiji Seventh Form Examination
FINLAND:	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus Studentexamensbetyg (Matriculation Examination Certificate)
FRANCE:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré (#)
FRENCH GUYANA:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
FRENCH POLYNESIA:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
GABON:	Baccalauréat

GAMBIA:	Five subjects on the West African Examinations Council Senior Secondary School Leaving Certificate (@)
GEORGIA:	Prior to 2011: Certificate for Complete General Education Starting 2011: General Education Diploma
GERMANY:	Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife/Abitur (Certificate of Graduation from Secondary School Required to Enter a University) (#) Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife (Certificate of Graduation from Secondary School Required to Enter a Technical College)
GHANA:	Five subjects on the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Senior School Certificate (SSC)(@) or GCE (+)
GIBRALTAR:	Five subjects on the GCE (+) or GCSE (+)
GREECE:	Apolytirio Lykeiou
GRENADA:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
GUADELOUPE:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
GUATEMALA:	Bachillerato
GUINEA:	Baccalauréat Deuxième Partie
GUYANA:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
HAITI:	Baccalauréat Deuxième Partie Baccalauréat Première Partie (&)
HONDURAS:	Bachillerato
HUNGARY:	Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
ICELAND:	Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Examination)(#)
INDIA:	All India Senior School Certificate Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSC/HSSLC) Indian School Certificate Intermediate Certificate Pre-University/ Pre-Degree Intermediate Examination
INDONESIA:	Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA) Sekolah Menengah Umum (SMU)

IRAN:	Pre-University Certificate
IRAQ:	Adadiyah (Sixth Form Baccalaureate)
IRELAND:	Five passes on the Leaving Certificate/ Ardeistmeireacht (!)
ISRAEL:	Teudat Bagrut
ITALY:	Esame di Stato (#) Maturità (#)
IVORY COAST:	Baccalauréat
JAMAICA:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC (=)
JAPAN:	Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho (High School G Graduation Certificate)
JORDAN:	Tawjihi - General Secondary Education Certificate Examination
KAZAKHSTAN:	Attestat o srednem obschem obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary General Education)
KENYA:	Five subjects on the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examinations (KCSE)
KOREA:	High School Graduation
KOSOVO:	Starting 2008: Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme të Përgjithshme-Gjimnaz/Diploma of Completion of General Secondary School Gymnasium/ Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme Profesionale/ Diploma of Completion of Professional Secondary School
KUWAIT:	Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-A'ama (General Secondary Education Certificate)
KYRGYZSTAN:	Zhalpy orto bilim zhenynde attestat/Attestat o Srednem obschem obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary General Education)
LAOS:	Baccalauréat/Upper Secondary School Diploma
LATVIA:	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Certificate of General Secondary Education)
LEBANON:	Baccalauréat Libanais Shahaada Thaanawiya Amma (General Secondary Certificate)

LESOTHO:	Five subjects on the GCE (+) or GCSE (+)
LIBERIA:	Senior High School Certificate Five subjects on the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Senior School Certificate (SSC)(@) or GCE (+)
LIBYA:	Secondary Education School Certificate
LIECHTENSTEIN:	Maturitazeugnis Berufsmaturitätszeugnis
LITHUANIA:	Brandos Atestatas (Maturity Certificate)
LUXEMBOURG:	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Techniques
MACAU:	Senior Secondary Certificate
MACEDONIA:	Up to 2007: Svidetelstvo za Polozen Maturski Ispit/ Examination Starting 2007: Diploma za Polozen Završen Ispit/ Certificate of Completion of Maturity Diploma za Položena Državna Matura/ Diploma of Completed State Matura Diploma za Položena Učilisna Matura Diploma of Completed School Matura Diplomë për Dhënie e Provimit të Fundit të Arsimit të Mesëm/Diploma of Completion of Final Exam of Secondary Education
MADAGASCAR:	Baccalauréat
MALAWI:	Five subjects on the Malawi School Certificate of Education Examinations (MSCE) (@) or the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate Examinations (COSC) (@)
MALAYSIA:	Five academic subject passes on the Malaysian Certificate of Education (Sijil Pelarajan Malaysia - SPM) and/or combined with the Higher School Certificate (Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia - STPM).
MALI:	Baccalauréat
MALTA:	Five subjects on the Matriculation Certificate (MC) or GCE (+)
MARTINIQUE:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
MAURITANIA:	Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré

MAURITIUS:	Five subjects on the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@) or GCE (+), General Certificate of Education Advanced Level, Higher School Certificate
MEXICO:	Bachillerato
MOLDOVA:	Diploma de Bacalaureat Atestat de Maturitate (Maturity Certificate) Atestat de Studii Medii de Cultura (Certificate of General Secondary Education)
MONACO:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
MONGOLIA:	Gerchilgee (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
MOROCCO:	Baccalauréat
MOZAMBIQUE:	Certificado de Habilitações Literarias Certificado de Ensino Secundario Geral Certificado de Ensino de Professores do Ensino Primario Certificado de Ensino Geral de Adultos
MYANMAR:	Basic Education Standard X Examination - Matriculation (Grade 10) plus two years of undergraduate study
NAMIBIA:	Five subjects on the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (IGCSE) (+)
NEPAL:	Proficiency Certificate Higher Secondary Certificate
NETHERLANDS:	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs Certificate (VWO) Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO) (&)
NEW CALEDONIA:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
NEW ZEALAND:	New Zealand University Entrance, Bursaries and Scholarships Qualification Higher School Certificate Four subjects on the Sixth Form Certificate (@)
NICARAGUA:	Bachillerato
NIGER:	Baccalauréat
NIGERIA:	Five subjects on the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Senior School Certificate (SSC)(@) or GCE (+)

NORWAY:	Certificate for upper-secondary education and training (Vitnemål for videregående opplæring)
OMAN:	Thanawiya Amma (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
PAKISTAN:	Higher Secondary Certificate Intermediate Certificate
PANAMA:	Bachillerato
PAPUA NEW GUINEA:	Higher School Certificate
PARAGUAY:	Bachillerato
PERU:	Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Común
PHILIPPINES:	High School Diploma
POLAND:	Świadectwo Dojrzałości
PORTUGAL:	Diploma de Ensino Secundário Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundários Certidão de Décimo Segundo Ano Diploma de Nível Secundário de Educação/Certificado de Qualificação Profissional de Nível 3 (Vocational Upper Secondary Education) Diploma de Especialização Tecnológica/Certificado de Qualificação Profissional de Nível 4 (Vocational Upper Secondary Education)
QATAR:	Al-Thanawiya Aama Qatari (Qatari General Secondary Education Certificate)
REUNION:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
ROMANIA:	Diploma De Bacalaureat
RUSSIA:	Prior to 2014: Attestat o srednem (polnom) obschem obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary [Complete] General Education) Starting 2014: Attestat o srednem obschem obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary General Education)
RWANDA:	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Advanced General Certificate of Secondary Education (AGCSE) Professional Certificate of Secondary Education A2 (Technical Secondary Education)

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS:	Five subjects on the GCE(+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
ST. LUCIA:	Five subjects on the GCE(+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
ST. VINCENT:	Five subjects on the GCE(+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
SAUDI ARABIA:	Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)
SENEGAL:	Baccalauréat
SEYCHELLES:	Five subjects on the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@), GCE(+) or GCSE(+)
SIERRA LEONE:	Senior School Certificate Examination Five subjects on the West African School Certificate (WASC) (@), GCE (+) or Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@)
SINGAPORE:	Five subjects of the Singapore-Cambridge GCE (+)
SLOVAK REPUBLIC:	Maturitné Vysvedcenie (Certificate of Maturity)
SLOVENIA:	Maturitetno Spricevalo (Maturity Examination Certificate) Poklicna Matura/Spricevalo o poklicni Maturi (Vocational Maturity Certificate)
SOLOMON ISLANDS:	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate
SOMALIA:	Secondary School Leaving Certificate
SOUTH AFRICA:	Until 2007: Senior Certificate (with or without Endorsement) From 2008: National Senior Certificate (No Endorsement any more)
SPAIN:	Curso de Orientación Universitaria – COU (University Orientation Course) Bachillerato (since 1999)
SRI LANKA:	Five Subjects Sri Lankan GCE (with grades of Distinction, Credit, or Pass)
SUDAN:	Sudan School Certificate

SURINAM:	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs Certificate (VWO) Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO) (&)
SWAZILAND:	Five subjects on the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@), GCE(+) or GCSE(+)
SWEDEN:	Since July 2011: Higher education preparatory diploma (Examensbevis - Högskoleförberedande examen) Before July 2011: Upper-Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Slutbetyg Från Gymnasieskola)
SWITZERLAND:	Up to 1995: Federal Maturity Certificate (Maturitätszeugnis/Certificat de Maturité/Attestato di Maturità) leads to post-secondary education. Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Kantonale Maturität/Maturité cantonale/Maturità cantonale) leads to post-secondary education. Certificate of Proficiency (Fähigkeitszeugnis/Certificat de capacité/Attestato di capacità) (Vocational qualification) After 1995: Baccalaureate (Gymnasiale Maturität/Maturité Gymnasiale/Maturità Liceale) leads to post-secondary education. Specialized Baccalaureate (Fachmaturität/Maturité Spécialisée/Maturità Specializzata) leads to university of applied sciences Federal Vocational Baccalaureate (Berufsmaturität/Maturité Professionnelle/Maturità Professionale) leads to professional qualification. Baccalaureate for Adults (Gymnasiale Maturität für Erwachsene) leads to post-secondary education.
SYRIA:	Al Shahâda Al Thânawiyya al-Âmma (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
TAIWAN:	Senior High School Leaving Certificate
TAJIKISTAN:	Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary Education)
TANZANIA:	Five subjects on the National Form IV Examination/Certificate of Secondary Education (+) or Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@)

THAILAND:	Mathayom Suksa VI (Higher Secondary School Certificate)
TOGO:	Baccalauréat
TONGA:	Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate Tonga National Form 7 Certificate
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:	Five academic passes on the CXC (=), GCE(+) or GCSE(+)
TUNISIA:	Baccalauréat
TURKEY:	Lise Diplomasi (Secondary School Diploma)
TURKMENISTAN:	Orta bilim hakynda Shahadatnama/ Attestat ob obschem srednem obrazovanii (Certificate of General Secondary Education)
UGANDA:	Five subjects on the Uganda Certificate of Education (@)
UKRAINE:	Atestat pro povnu zagalnu seredniu osvitu (Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education)
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:	Shahadat Al-Thawasiya Al-Amma (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
UNITED KINGDOM:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or Scottish National Qualifications (+)
URUGUAY:	Bachillerato
UZBEKISTAN:	O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma (Ўрта маълумот тўғрисида шаҳодатнома) Certificate of General Secondary Education
VANUATU:	Five subjects on the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (IGCSE) (+)
VENEZUELA:	Bachiller (until August 2009 and starting again in December 2016) Diploma de Educación Media General (from August 2009 to December 2016)
VIETNAM:	Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phó Thông Trung Hoc
WEST BANK AND GAZA:	Al Thanawiya (Egyptian, Jordanian or Palestinian General Certificate of Secondary Education)

YEMEN:	Al Thanawiya (General Certificate of Education)
ZAMBIA:	Five subjects on the Zambia School Certificate (@) or Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@) or GCE (+)
ZIMBABWE:	Five subjects on the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (@) or GCE (+)

(#) This qualification may yield advanced standing.

(&) Denotes high school graduation, but not graduation from a college preparatory program.

(+) Only subjects passed on the General Certificate of Education (GCE) or General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) with grades of A, B or C should be counted. Subjects passed on the Advanced Level may yield advanced standing.

(=) Only subjects on the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) with General Proficiency with grades of I or II should be counted prior to the June 1998 examination. With the June 1998 examinations, subjects with General Proficiency with grades I, II and III should be counted.

(@) Only subjects passed on the school certificate with the grades of 1 through 6 should be counted.

(!) Only subjects passed with grades of A, B, C, or D should be counted.

(%) Only grades of A, B, C or 1, 2, 3 on the Ordinary/Standard Grade and A, B, C on the Higher Grade should be counted.