



JS&A
GUIDE TO ADMISSION OF
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
ALBANIA:	Dëftesë Pjekurie (Maturity Certificate /Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
ALGERIA:	Baccalaureat de l'Engseignement Secondaire
ANDORRA:	Baccalaureat de l'Engseignement Secondaire Bachillerato
ANGOLA:	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 School Leaving Certificate)
AUSTRALIA:	Australian Capital Territory – ACT Year 12 Certificate New South Wales – Higher School Certificate Northern Territory – Northern Territory Certificate of Education Queensland – Senior Certificate 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
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 o Srednem Obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary Education)
BELGIUM:	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekularunterriichts Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs
BELIZE:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
BENIN:	Baccalauréat
BERMUDA:	Bermuda Secondary School Certificate
BHUTAN:	Indian School Certificate
BOLIVIA:	Bachillerato
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:	Matarska Svjedodzba Svjedocanstvo Svjedodzba o Zavrsmom Ispitu Svjedocanstvo Svjedodzba o Zavrsmom Obrazovanju
BOTSWANA:	Five subjects on the Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (+)
BRAZIL:	Certificado de Conclusao de 2 Grau Certificado de Conclusao 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:	Diplom za Zavrsheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completion of Secondary Education)
BURKINA FASO:	Baccalauréat

BURUNDI:	Diplome d'Etat
CAMBODIA:	Baccalauréat Certificate of Upper Secondary Education
CAMEROON:	Baccalauréat Five subjects on the Cameroon GCE (+)
CANADA:	Alberta – Advanced High School Diploma, General High School Diploma British Columbia – Secondary School Graduation Diploma, Diplome de Fin D'Etudes Secondaires Manitoba – completion of grade 12 New Brunswick – High School Diploma, Diplome De Fin d'Etudes, Graduation Certificate, Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires New Foundland – Provincial High School Graduation Certificate Northwest Territories – Advanced High School Diploma, General High School Diploma, or Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma Nova Scotia – High School Completion Certificate Ontario – Ontario Secondary School Diploma, Secondary School Graduation Diploma, Secondary School Honours Graduation Diploma Prince Edward Island – High School Graduation Certificate Quebec – completion of 1 st year of a CEGEP program (12 academic courses) Saskatchewan – completion of grade 12 Yukon Territory – Diploma awarded by a Senior Secondary School and transcript From the British Columbia Department of Education confirming completion of graduation requirements
CAPE VERDE:	Certificado de Habilitações Literarias
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:	Senior Middle School Graduation Certificate
COLOMBIA:	Bachillerato
CONGO:	Baccalauréat
COSTA RICA:	Bachillerato Secundaria
CROATIA:	Svjedodzba o Završnom Ispitu Medjunarodna Matura Maturalna Svedodzba
CUBA:	Bachillerato
CYPRUS:	Apolytirion Lise Bitirme Diploması
CZECH REPUBLIC:	Maturitní Vysvědčení (Maturity Certificate)
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:	Diplome 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:	Baccalaureat 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:	Ylioppilastutkintoto distus 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:	Sashualo Skolis Atestati (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
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 (+) or GCSE (+)
GUADELOUPE:	Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré
GUATEMALA:	Bachillerato
GUINEA:	Baccalauréat Deuxieme Partie
GUYANA:	Five subjects on the GCE (+), GCSE (+) or CXC(=)
HAITI:	Baccalauréat Deuxième Partie Baccalauréat Première Partie (&)
HONDURAS:	Bachillerato
HONG KONG:	Five subjects on the Hong Kong Certificate of Education (grades A through E)
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 Certificate of Education)
KAZAKHSTAN:	Attestat o srednem obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary Education)
KENYA:	Five subjects on the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examinations (KCSE)
KOREA:	High School Graduation
KUWAIT:	Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-A'ama (General Secondary Education Certificate)
KYRGYZSTAN:	Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary Education)
LAOS:	Baccalaureat
LATVIA:	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitiba (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:	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires Techniques
MACAU:	Senior Secondary Certificate
MACEDONIA:	Svidetelstvo za polo en maturaški ispit (Certificate of Completion of Maturity Examination)
MADAGASCAR:	Baccalauréat
MALAWI:	Five subjects on the Malawi School Certificate of Education Examinations (MSCE) (@) or the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate Examinations (COSC) (@)
MALAYSIA:	Five subjects on the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysian Certificate of Education) (@)
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 Literárias
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:	Vitnemål Fra Videregående Skole (Certificate from Upper Secondary School)
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 Educacion Secundario Comun
PHILIPPINES:	High School Diploma
POLAND:	Świadectwo Dojrzałości
PORTUGAL:	Diploma de Ensino Secundário Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundários Certidao de Decimo Segundo Ano
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:	Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obschem Obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary [Complete] General Education)
RWANDA:	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires
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:	Senior Certificate with Matriculation Exemption Endorsement Senior Certificate (&)
SPAIN:	Curso de Orientacion 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:	Slutbetyg Från Gymnasieskola (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
SWITZERLAND:	Eidgenössisches Maturitätszeugnis/Certificat de Maturité Fédérale/ Attestato di Maturità Federale (Federal Maturity Certificate) Eidgenössisches Anerkanntes Kantonales Maturitätszeugnis/ Certificat de Maturité Cantonal Reconnu per la Confédération/ Attestato di Maturità Cantonale Riconosciuto dalla Confederazione (Federally Recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate) Kantonale Maturität/ Maturité Cantonal/ Baccalauréate/ Bachelier/ Maturità Cantonale (Cantonal Maturity Certificate)
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 Diploması (Secondary School Diploma)
TURKMENISTAN:	State Examination for Secondary School Leaving Certificate

UGANDA:	Five subjects on the Uganda Certificate of Education (@)
UKRAINE:	Atestat pro povnu zagalnu 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:	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education
VANUATU:	Five subjects on the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (IGCSE) (+)
VENEZUELA:	Bachillerato
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.