INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC
GRADE GUIDE
FOR USM

Including
INSTITUTIONS WITH ENGLISH AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

SECOND EDITION 2011
PREFACE

This Second Edition of the International Academic Grade Guide is part of our continuous effort to provide guidelines to assist Schools, Centres and Centres of Excellence in USM for postgraduate student intake. It contains additional information to the first edition, which was an outcome from a comprehensive research carried out by the USM International Grade Equivalent Committee, chaired by Prof. Boey Peng Lim.

The First Edition contained the background of the respective country's education system as well as their procedures for admission to higher education, university grading system, and recommended equivalent grade for graduate admission. In line with the USM Senate decision in 2009 on the recognition of a potential candidate's English proficiency, this Second Edition contains information on the medium of instruction by institutions in 42 countries.

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Senate Ruling On English Proficiency

Senat-199 pada 15 Oktober 2009 telah meluluskan, tahap syarat Bahasa Inggeris untuk kemasukan pelajar luar negara seperti berikut:

- TOEFL skor minimum 550; atau
- IELTS skor minimum Band 6; atau
- MUET skor minimum Band 4; atau
- Bahasa ibunda pemohon ialah Bahasa Inggeris atau Bahasa Kebangsaan; atau
- Pemohon berkelulusan dari institusi pengajian tinggi yang bahasa pengantarnya ialah Bahasa Inggeris; atau
- Kursus Bahasa Inggeris yang ditawarkan oleh British Council (Tahap kelulusan dan kursus yang relevan perlu dikenalpasti dan perlu diperakuan oleh Majlis Pengajian Siswa/ah Universiti terlebih dahulu); atau
- Kursus Bahasa Inggeris yang ditawarkan oleh Pusat Pengajian Bahasa, Literasi dan Terjemahan (Tahap kelulusan dan kursus yang relevan perlu diperakuan oleh Majlis Pengajian Siswa/ah Universiti terlebih dahulu); atau
- Kursus Bahasa Inggeris dari IPTA/IPTS terpilih (Tahap kelulusan dan kursus yang relevan perlu dikenalpasti dan diperakuan oleh Majlis Pengajian Siswa/ah Universiti terlebih dahulu).

Senate-199 on 15 October 2009 approved the following English Language Proficiency as an admission requirement for School/Centre of Excellence:

- TOEFL minimum score 550; or
- IELTS minimum score Band 6; or
- MUET minimum score Band 4; or
- English is the candidate's mother tongue or National Language; or
- The candidate graduated from an Institution of Higher Learning in which the medium of instruction at Bachelor and Masters level is English; or
- English courses offered by British Council. (The level of qualification and the relevant courses are to be identified by the University Postgraduate Studies Council); or
- English courses offered by School of Languages, Literacies and Translation (The level of qualification and the relevant courses are to be identified by the University Postgraduate Studies Council); or
- English courses from selected Malaysian public/private university or institution. (The level of qualification and the relevant courses should be previously identified and approved by the University Postgraduate Studies Council).

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Algeria

Background
Higher education is provided by universities, university centres, national schools and institutes, and higher teacher training institutes (Ecoles normales supérieures), which fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, as well as by institutes run by other ministries.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement secondaire.
  - Alternatives to credentials: Specific competitive examinations give access to certain streams (filières) to candidates who attended third-year classes without obtaining the Baccalauréat. Post-secondary programmes in sports, fine arts, music and youth affairs admit students on the basis of an aptitude test rather than Baccalauréat results.
  - 4 to 6 years.

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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor / Licence degree of at least 4 years
- 12/20

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
- None

Source: Embassy of Algeria
Australia

Background
The first four universities were established in the mid-19th century and there are currently 40 universities, including three private universities. There are also a small number of non-university self-accrediting higher education institutions funded by the Australian Government. Programmes and degrees offered by non-university self-accrediting institutions often have an applied focus and are most commonly in fields such as Art, Business, Drama, Hospitality, Music, Religion and Theology and Teacher Education.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)

- For entry into universities:
  - Minimum score/requirement: Varies according to course and institution, student's age, whether student has disabilities or special needs.
  - For entry to: All institutions/programmes.
  - Alternatives to credentials: Entry may be based on prior experience or other learning.
- Minimum 4 years.

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<td>Below 50</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission

- Bachelor degree of at least 4 years
- 60/100

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction

- All institutions
Bangladesh

Background
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, teaching is carried out in the colleges while curriculum and examinations are controlled by the universities.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Entrance exams required: There are admission tests for medical colleges, Bangladesh Institute of Technology and university departments.
  - 2 years (pass degree).
  - 3 years (Honours degree for Arts, Science and Commerce).
  - 4 years (Engineering).

University Grading System

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* Minimum pass mark for medicine is 50%

Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree of at least 4 years or a combined Bachelor/Master degree
- 60/100

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction (Source)
Public Universities and Colleges
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (http://bsmmu.org/)
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (http://www.bsmraru.edu.bd/)
- Bangladesh Agricultural University (http://www.bau.edu.bd/)
- Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) (http://www.buet.ac.bd/)
- Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology (http://www.cuet.ac.bd/)
- Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Science University (http://cvasu.ac.bd/)
- Dhaka University of Engineering & Technology (http://www.duet.ac.bd/)
- Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science & Technology University (http://www.hstu.ac.bd/)
- Jessore Science Technology (http://cvasu.ac.bd/)
- Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET) (http://www.kuet.ac.bd/about.html)

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- Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology University (RUET) (http://www.ruet.ac.bd/firstpage.php)
- Sher-E-Bangla Agricultural University (http://www.sau.ac.bd/)
- Sylhet Agricultural University (http://www.sylhetagriuniversity.edu.bd/)
- University of Dhaka (http://www.univdhaka.edu/)

Private Universities and Colleges
- Adamjee Cantonment College (http://adamjeecollege.com/)
- Ahsanullah College (http://auckhulna.com/index.php)
- Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) (http://www.aust.edu/)
- American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB) (http://www.aiub.edu/)
- ASA University Bangladesh (http://asaub.edu.bd/)
- Asian University of Bangladesh (http://www.aub-bd.org/library/)
- Bangabandhu College (http://bangabandhucollege.com/)
- Bangladesh Islamic University (BIU) (http://www.biu.ac.bd/)
- Bangladesh University (http://www.bu.edu.bd/)
- Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) (http://www.bubt.edu.bd/)
- B.A.F Shaheen College (http://www.bafsc.com.bd/)
- BGC Trust University Bangladesh (http://bgctrustedu.com/)
- Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Rifles College (http://www.bdrcollege.ac.bd/Home.aspx)
- BRAC University (http://www.bracu.ac.bd/)
- City University (http://www.cityuniversity.edu.bd/)
- Daffodil International College (http://dic.edu.bd/)
- Daffodil International University (http://www.daffodiluniversity.edu.bd/)
- Darul Ihsan University (http://diu-dit.com/)
- Dhaka City College (http://dhakacitycollege.net/)
- Dhaka College (http://www.dhakacollege.edu.bd/)
- Dhaka Commerce College (http://www.dcc.edu.bd/)
- Dhaka Imperial College (http://imperial-bd.net/)
- Dhaka International University (http://dui.net.bd/)
- East Delta University (EDU) (http://www.eastdelta.edu.bd/)
- East West University (http://ewubd.edu/ewu/showDocument.php?documentid=100)
- Eastern University (http://www.easternuni.edu.bd/_admission.aspx)
- Eden Girls College (http://edengirls.tk/)
- Godagari High School & College (http://ghsc.edu.bd/)
- Gono Bishwabidyalay (http://www.gonouniversity-bd.com/)
- Haji Mohd Mohsin College (http://mohsincollege.gov.bd/)
- Hamdard Public College (http://www.hamdard.edu/)
- IBAIS University (http://www.ibais.edu/)
- Icon College (http://www.iconcollege.com/)
- Ideal College (http://idealcollegeonline.com/)
- Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) (http://www.iub.edu.bd/)

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- International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) (http://www.iubat.edu/)
- Leading University (http://www.lus.ac.bd/)
- Manarat International University (MIU) (http://www.manarat.ac.bd/)
- Metropolitan University (http://metrount.edu.bd/)
- Mohanpur College (http://mohanpurcollege.com/)
- North South University (NSU) (http://www.northsouth.edu/index.php)
- Northern College Bangladesh (http://www.ncbsf.webs.com/)
- Northern University Bangladesh (NUB) (http://www.nub.ac.bd/)
- Notre Dame College (http://www.notredame.ac.bd/)
- Pemraj Sarada College (http://www.sardacollege.com/)
- Premier University (http://www.puc.ac.bd/)
- Presidency University (http://presidency.edu.bd/)
- Prime University (http://www.primeuniversity.edu.bd/)
- Primeasia University (http://test.primeasia.edu.bd/)
- Queen Mary College Bangladesh (http://www.queenmarycollege.org.bd/english/index.php)
- Rajshahi College (http://rc.edu.bd/)
- Shaheed Suhrawardi College (http://govsscdhkb.com/)
- Sheikh Burhanuddin Post Graduate College (http://sbpge.edu.bd/)
- Sher-E-Bangla College (http://www.sbmec.edu.bd/)
- Southeast University (http://www.seu.ac.bd/)
- Southern University Bangladesh (http://southern-bd.info/)
- State University of Bangladesh (http://www.sub.edu.bd/)
- The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) (http://www.ifuw.org/index.shtml)
- The Millennium University (http://www.themillenniumuniversity.edu.bd/)
- The People's University of Bangladesh (http://www.pub.ac.bd/)
- Trust College (http://trustcollege.com/)
- United International University (UIU) (http://uiuid.com/index.php)
- University of Asia Pacific (UAP) (http://www.uap-bd.edu/)
- University of Information Technology and Sciences (UITS) (http://uits.edu.bd/)
- University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) (http://www.ulab.edu.bd/)
- University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC) (http://www.ustc.ac.bd/)
- University of South Asia (http://www.unisa.ac.bd/)
- Victoria University of Bangladesh (http://vub.edu.bd/)
- World University of Bangladesh (WUB) (http://www.wub.edu.bd/)
Brunei

Background
Structure of education system consists of Primary School, Junior Secondary School and Senior Secondary School. University of Brunei Darussalam is the premier national university.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
• For entry into universities:
  • Secondary school credential required: Brunei/Cambridge Advanced Level Certificate of Education.
  • Alternatives to credentials: International Baccalaureate or Bachelor programme from recognised university, or 'A' Level equivalents.

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<td>40 - 49</td>
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<td>39 or less</td>
<td>0 GPA</td>
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*University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD)

Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
• Bachelor degree
• In general, entry requirements require English proficiency of at least IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL 550 or GCE 'O' Level Credit 6 for English Language.

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
• University of Brunei Darussalam (Except for Language course and most modules in Akademi Pengajian Brunei).

Source:
• International and Public Relations Office, University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD)
• http://www.ubd.edu.bn/admin/dept/interoff/engnotes.html
• http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/Brunei%20Darussalam%20Education%20system.pdf
Cambodia

Background
All institutions receive financial support from the Government. Private institutions were created recently. They include Norton University, IIC University of Technology, Build Bright University (BBU) and the University of Management and Economics in the provinces.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)

- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: Baccalauréat or Certificate of Upper Secondary Education.
  - Entrance exams required: Grade 12 results are used for selecting students.
  - Minimum 4 years.

University Grading System

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- The grading system differs from one institution to another. Existing systems include: 10/10; 20/20; 100/100. In some institutions students must have an average of 6/10 to obtain a degree.

Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission

- Bachelor degree at least 4 years
- 6/10, 12/20 or 60/100

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction

- Lim Kok Wing University
- Phnom Penh University
- Zaman University

Source: Royal Embassy of Cambodia
China

Background
Higher education consists of regular higher education, adult higher education, technical, vocational education and training. The academic degree system is divided into three levels. Private universities were first set up in China in 1992.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
• For entry into universities:
  • Secondary school credential required: Senior High School Graduation Diploma.
  • Entrance exams required: National Matriculation Test.
  • Minimum 4 years.

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<td>D</td>
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<td>0 - 59</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
• Bachelor degree
• 60/100
• Holders of 3 years Diploma programmes should not be considered
• Failing grades are rare and grades tend to be inflated
• GRE scores, letter of recommendation, and the university attended tend to be more significant indicators of academic performance than grades.

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
• None.

Source:
The Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia
Djibouti

Background
The University of Djibouti is the primary institute of higher education. Education system in Djibouti consists of public primary schools, private primary schools, secondary schools and vocational schools.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: A Certificate of Fundamental Education.
  - Students will be accepted into undergraduate level as long as they obtain high school certificate.

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<td>Good</td>
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<td>10 - 12</td>
<td>Pass</td>
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<td>10 and below</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree
- Minimum: 13 (criteria used by UIA)

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
- None

Source: Embassy of Djibouti
Estonia

Background
The higher education system is binary and consists of universities (ülikool) and professional higher education institutions (rakendusorganikool). Since the academic year 2002/2003, the general structure of higher education is divided into two main cycles, following the undergraduate-graduate model. There are six public universities, five private universities, eight state institutions of professional higher education, thirteen private professional higher education institutions, and seven state vocational education institutions offering professional higher education.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: Giümnaasiumi Lõputunnistus.
  - Alternatives to credentials: Tunnistus põhipärad ise baasil
    kustikohaduse omamdise kohta or Tunnistus keskhariduse baasil
    kustikohaduse omamdise kohta which are certificates conferred on completion of secondary vocational education.
- Entrance exams required: Since 1997, students must sit for the state entrance examinations (rigiesamid) to have access to higher education institutions. Depending on the speciality, higher education institutions may require some additional entrance examinations.
- Minimum 4 years.

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<td>B (Very good)</td>
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<td>D (Satisfactory)</td>
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<td>E (Insufficient)</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree (Bakalaureus) of at least 4 years
- 3.13/5

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
- Estonian School of Diplomacy

Source:
- Estonian School of Diplomacy
- Studies Department, Estonian Aviation Academy
- International Relations Office, University of Tartu
Background
Higher education is provided by both public and private institutions comprising of 14 universities and higher institutes of technical and professional training. 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 government.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: Thanaweya Am’ma.
  - Minimum score/requirement: 70% or above.
  - Alternatives to credentials: Holders of Advanced Technical Education Diplomas may enter university/higher institutes in their speciality if they have obtained scores of at least 75%.
- 4 to 6 years.

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<td>65 - 74</td>
<td>Very good</td>
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<td>50 - 64 (60 - 64 for Medical Sciences)</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree
- 60/100

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
All universities deliver their programmes entirely in English, both at undergraduate and graduate levels in:
- Dentistry
- Engineering
- Human Medicine
- Information Technology
- Nursing
- Petroleum and Mining Engineering
- Pharmacy
- Science
- Veterinary Medicine

Source:
Professor Abdelfattah Mohamed Elsayed Youssef
(Ph.D. Aquaculture (Fish Nutrition), Michigan State University)
Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt.
USM External Examiner and Visiting Professor.
Ethiopia

Background
Higher education is provided by universities, university colleges and specialised institutions. They are under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. There are other institutions of higher learning, namely, junior colleges and colleges offering diploma programmes that are under regional governments and private providers.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination.
  - Minimum score/requirement: Passes in 4 subjects at C-level.
  - Other admission requirements: Special privileges for female students and students from disadvantaged/remote regions.
- Minimum 4 years post-secondary education.

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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree of at least 4 years
- 60/100

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction (Source)
- Adama University (http://adama-university.net/index.php?id=9)
- Addis Ababa University (http://www.aaau.edu.et/)
- Admas University College (http://www.aau.edu.et/)
- Alkan University College (http://alkan.edu.et/)
- Arba Minch University (http://www.amu.edu.et/)
- Axum University (http://aksumuniversity.org/content/home.php)
- Bahir Dar University (http://www.bdu.edu.et/)
- Debre Berhan University (http://www.dbu.edu.et/)
- Debre Markos University (http://www.dmu.edu.et/?q=node/69)
- Dynamic International University College (http://aiu2010.com/)
- Ethiopian Civil Service University (http://www.ecsc.edu.et/)
- Evangelical Theological College (http://etcollege.org/)
- Haramaya University (http://www.haramaya.edu.et/)

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- Hayat Medical College (http://hayatmcollege.com/admission.html)
- Hope University College (http://hopeuniversitycollege.org/)
- Info Link College (http://infolinkcollege.com/)
- Institute of Land Administration (http://ila.edu.et/)
- International Leadership Institute (http://www.ili.edu.et/)
- Jimma University (http://www.ju.edu.et/)
- Madawalabu University (http://www.mwu.edu.et/site/)
- Medco Bio Medical College (http://www.medcobiomed.com/)
- Mekelle Institute of Technology (http://www.mekit.net/background.asp)
- Mekelle University (http://www.mu.edu.et/)
- Microlink College (http://www.microlink.edu.et/Content/ContentManager.php?about_MicroLink)
- Rift Valley University College (http://riftvalleyuniversity.net/)
- Tech Zone Engineering & business Collage (http://tech-zone-college.awardspace.info/)
- Universal Technology College (http://universityoftech.com/)
Finland

Background
The higher education system of Finland is binary with universities and polytechnics. There are 20 universities (koulu/universitetet) and 29 polytechnics (ammattikorkeakoulu, AMK/yrkeshögskola, YH). Ten of the universities are multi-faculty universities and ten are specialised institutions.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
• For entry into universities:
  • Secondary school credential required: Ammatillinen perustutkintotodistus/Betyg over yrkessniviktad grundexamen.
  • Alternatives to credentials: Certificate for the International Baccalaureate; European Baccalaureate; or Vocational (3 years) Qualification Certificate.
  • Entrance examination required: Various types.
  • At least 3 years (minimum 120 credits).

University Grading System

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<td>Satisfactory</td>
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A 5 point scale is used in polytechnics.

Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
• Bachelor degree (Kandidaatti)
• 1.9/3 or 3.15/5

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
• Aalto University
  • School of Art and Design (former University of Art and Design in Helsinki)
  • School of Economics (former Helsinki School of Economics)
  • Schools of Technology (former Helsinki University of Technology in Espoo)
• Academy of Fine Arts
• Hanken School of Economics
• Lappeenranta University of Technology
• National Defence College
• Tampere University of Technology
• University of Eastern Finland
• University of Helsinki
• University of Jyväskylä
• University of Lapland
• University of Oulu
• University of Tampere
• University of Turku
• University of Vaasa
• Åbo Akademi University

Source: Embassy of Finland
Hong Kong

Background
Currently, there are eight University Grants Committee (UGC) funded institutions offering publicly-funded programmes at sub-degree, degree, taught-postgraduate and research-postgraduate levels. All of these institutions have self-accrediting status. Among these are eight universities and one institute of education. This institute is the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) which offers teacher education programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Secondary school credential required: Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination.
  - Minimum 4 years.

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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree of at least 4 years
- 2nd Class Upper

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)
- Lingnan University
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- University of Hong Kong

Source:
- Communications and Public Relations Office, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Communication & Public Relations Office, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Office of University Development and Public Affairs, HKUST
- Office of Institutional Advancement and Public Affairs, Lingnan University
- Communications and Public Affairs Office, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- University of Hong Kong
India

Background
There are 3 kinds of colleges in India:
- Government colleges, especially in states where private enterprises are weak.
- Colleges managed by religious organisations and the private sector.
- Professional colleges consisting of Teacher Training, Medicine, Engineering, and Law.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Pre-university examination or;
  - Joint Entrance Examination for the Indian Institute of Technology as well as several institutes and universities.
  - Generally 50% pass but varies from State to State.
- 3 to 5 years.

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<td>75 - 100%</td>
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<td>65 - 74%</td>
<td>1st class</td>
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<td>2nd class</td>
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<td>40 - 49%</td>
<td>3rd class</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree
- 55/100 and Undergraduate exam
- Please take note that grading is sometimes very inflated
- Examples of Advanced Diploma that is not accepted: NCST and NIIT

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
99 percent of institutions

Source: High Commission of India
Indonesia

Background
The National Education Law of 1989 sets new standards for education at all levels in Indonesia. Higher education is offered by state, private and religious institutions. There are around 30 public universities and more than 100 private universities. Accreditation on programme basis for private universities. Bahasa Indonesia is the medium of instruction.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Complete Sekolah Menengah Atas at age of 18.
  - Sit for the National Entrance Examination conducted by public universities.
- There are two options:
  Social Sciences - IPS (Ilmu Pengetahuan Sosial)
  Natural Sciences - IPA (Ilmu Pengetahuan Alam)
- Admission requires students to score more than 6/10 in the entrance examination.
- A minimum of 144 credits are needed to graduate.
- 4 to 7 years (Sarjana - Strata Satu).

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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Sarjana (Strata Satu)
- CGPA 2.75/4

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
None

Source: Education Department, Indonesian Embassy Kuala Lumpur
Iran

Background
Higher education in Iran is well developed and offered through comprehensive universities, specialised universities, universities of technology, medical universities, teacher training centres and private universities. There are around 30 public universities and more than 100 private universities.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Sit for Pre-U examination / National Entrance at age of 18.
  - Examination divided into Mathematics & Technical Sciences, Experimental Sciences, Humanities and Arts.
  - Admission requires students to score more than 10/20 in the entrance examination.
  - The Bachelor degree requires 130 credit units (Engineering 140).
- 4 to 6 years.

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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Karshenasi (Bachelor degree)
- 12/20
*Adapted from Duke University’s International Credentials Guide 2011-2012 for entry into Graduate School.

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
None
Background
There are 20 state universities, 47 technical institutes and approximately 10 private colleges. About 1/3 of the academic staff hold Doctoral degrees.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into universities:
  - Sit for Sixth Form Baccalaureat at age of 18.
  - Admission requires students to score more than 50 percent in the entrance examination.
  - The field of study is determined by the marks obtained in the above exam.
- 4 to 6 years.

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<td>Medium</td>
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<td>50 - 59</td>
<td>Pass</td>
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<td>0 - 49</td>
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Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Bachelor degree
- 70/100 for Art
- 65/100 for Pharmacy and Science
- 60/100 for Medicine

Institutions with English as the Medium of Instruction
English is the medium of instruction at the following faculties in all Iraqi public universities at undergraduate and postgraduate levels:
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Pharmacy
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Source: Embassy of the Republic of Iraq
Italy

Background
There are two sectors providing higher education in Italy namely university and non-university. The university sector has universities, university institutes, as well as a wide range of academies, and higher institutes/schools. At present (2011), the university system includes 89 university institutions (58 state universities, 17 non-state legally-recognised university institutes, 2 universities for foreigners, 6 higher schools specialised in postgraduate university studies and 6 telematic universities). The non-university sector primarily deals with Arts and Design, Performing Arts, Language Mediation, Cultural and Artifact Restoration, and Military and Diplomatic Studies. Usually these are two years programmes leading to a Diploma. There are avenues to further certification leading to Advanced Diplomas and Master.

Admission to Higher Education (Undergraduate)
- For entry into all universities before 1998-99:
  - Secondary school credential required: Maturità.
  - Minimum score/requirement: 36.
- For entry into all universities since 1998-99:
  - Secondary school credential required: Diploma dell’ Esame di Stato conclusivo dei Corsi di Istruzione Secondaria Superiore.
  - Minimum score/requirement: 60/100.
  - First cycle undergraduate courses last for three years. The Laurea is awarded to undergraduates who have obtained 180 credits. Graduates can choose to seek employment or further their studies into the second cycle.
  - Second cycle postgraduate courses, last for two years. The Laurea Specialistica or Laurea Magistrale is awarded to postgraduates who have obtained 120 credits. Note that this is not a master course. This is a special characteristic of Italian higher education; whereby a student can graduate with 300 credits.

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*18 is the minimum passing grade

Recommendation for Postgraduate Admission
- Laurea and/or Laurea Specialistica or Laurea Magistrale degree(s) of at least 3 year.
- 20.625/30

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