

International Credential Evaluation for Departments

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Agenda

- Overview of Graduate School Application Evaluation Steps
- What academic records to look for in applications
- General Notes on Grading Scales
- Most common countries we see
- Questions and Next Steps

If you have questions while we are presenting, please put your questions in chat

GS Application Evaluation - Basics

Broad Categories of Eligibility

5 points of evaluation

- ❑ Judicial
- ❑ Immigration
(Visa type - deadlines)
- ❑ Academic Level (Bachelor's)
- ❑ Academic Achievement (GPA)
- ❑ English proficiency

- Judicial Holds
 - Separate queue before GS review
 - Can take a few weeks if a hold
- Demographics
 - Name
 - Domestic vs International
 - Visa type
 - Country of birth
- Academic Records
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE or waiver info

GS Application Evaluation - Transcripts

- Which institution issued the document?
- Does the student's demographic information appear?
- If multiple degrees earned, at what level were the studies taken?
- How many semesters are reflected in the transcript?
- Has the student completed the degree, or is it in progress?
 - Does the transcript header or footer clearly state the degree conferred and date of conferral?
 - If not, is there a degree certificate?
- Are grades/marks visible for all courses? Is there a GPA count, either semester-by-semester and/or cumulative at the end of each semester/CGPA?
 - Degree in progress - may only show semester performance, not cumulative
 - Do you see a grading scale? (Some have it, some don't.)

General Grading Scale Notes

- Classifications
 - First Class
 - Second Class Upper/Lower, 2:1, 2:2
 - Cannot accept Third Class, even with a justification letter
- GPA systems
 - B
 - BB
 - Good
 - Or whichever is highest
 - You can always ask GS if you're not sure
 - English translations can be misleading
- Some countries have a uniform scale; others may vary quite a bit

GS Application Evaluation - Degree Certificates

- Which institution issued the document?
- Does the student's demographic information appear?
- Is this a final degree certificate, or a provisional one?
- What was the degree type?
- What date was the degree awarded or conferred?
- If the student has graduated, and from a country where we require a degree certificate, is it present?

India

- Full Transcript required
- Degree Certificate required, if not available, we must request the Provisional Certificate
 - Provisional Certificate vs Passing Certificate

China

- Transcripts required (English and original language)
- Both Degree & Graduation Certificates required (English and original language)
 - 学士学位证书 (Bachelor's degree Certificate)
 - Legal award of the degree, completed all requirements
 - 毕业证书 (Graduation Certificate)
 - Completed all coursework; does not indicate the degree was awarded

Iran

- Transcripts required
 - If transcripts are issued by the institution in English, that is fine.
 - If transcripts are issued in Farsi, then we need a translation.
- Degree certificates
 - Usually required, unless transcript shows the degree conferred/date of conferral

Questions? Comments?

- Next Steps
 - Planning for next international credential evaluation sessions
 - What would you like to see next?
 - What would you like to see more of?
- Common Country Grading Scales Document
 - We are working on this to share with departments
 - To be released when we do a session on grading scales - Date TBD

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