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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