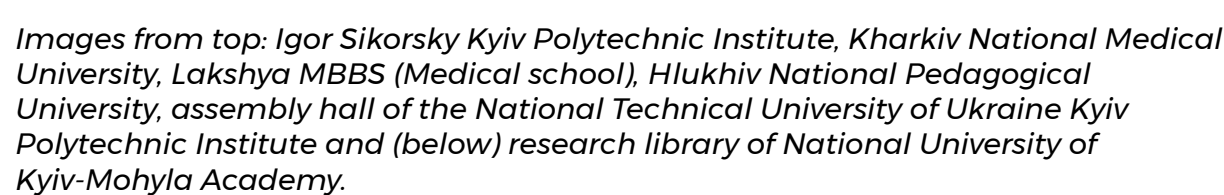




Ukraine has a 99.4% literacy rate, the highest in the world. Check our explainer for a quick guide to their highly ranked education system.

## Which are the hardest universities to get into in Ukraine?

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv  
Ivan Franko National University of Lviv  
V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University



## What is the grading system at Ukrainian universities?

Degrees are awarded either on a  
100 points scale (90-100 = excellent, 70-89 = good, 50-69 = satisfactory, 0-49 = unsatisfactory)  
Or a  
5 point national scale (5 = excellent, 4 = good, 3= satisfactory, 2-1= unsatisfactory)  
Recent graduates use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation scale. They convert diff  
please check the table below.

ECTS Grading scale		
GRADE	WES UNDERGRADUATE CONVERSION	WES GRADUATE CONVERSION
A	A	A
B	B+	A
C	B	B+
D	C+	B
E	C	B
F	F	F

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## What do the qualifications mean?

Junior Bachelor (Molodshyi Bakalavr)- first level of higher education equals 2 years of studying  
Bachelor (Bakalavr) - higher education equals 4 years of studying  
Master (Magistr) - advanced academic or professional training  
Doctor of Philosophy/Art and Doctor of Science - the highest education level

### Some applicants are from colleges and some from unis - what is the difference?

Colleges offer vocational training, similar to apprenticeships for mechanics, electricians and chefs, for youth from the age of 15. With a college qualification you will be entitled to apply for university places alongside school-leavers who attended a full 12 years of school.

### I'm looking at Ukrainian secondary school grades - there seem to be two grading systems?

School leavers after 2012 are graded by a 12-point system:  
10-12 (excellent, equivalent to A), 7-9 (good, equivalent to B), 4-6 (satisfactory, equivalent to C) and 1-3 (unsatisfactory, equivalent to F)  
School leavers before 2012 were graded by a 5-point system:  
5 (excellent) 4 (good) 3 (satisfactory) 2-1 (unsatisfactory)

### Some applicants went to school for 11 years and others for 12 - why?

Ukraine extended compulsory schooling to 12 years in 2018.

## What's the Ukrainian school curriculum like?

Students are taught 1 or 2 foreign languages (English and German are the most common), mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology as well as all general subjects.

**Anything you recommend I check in a Ukrainian CV?**

All academic institutions in Ukraine must have a license and can't issue degrees or diplomas without accreditation from MOES .

