



- **Pre-high school (# of years):** 9
- **High school (# of years):** 3
- **Academic year calendar:** For High schools: September – August, for Universities: September - late May
- **Recommended times for U.S. institution visits:** Mid-January - February and late September - mid November.

Secondary Education (high school)

- **Language of instruction:** English
- **Years of mandatory English courses:** 3
- **Grading system and interpretation:** A1 - F9 scale. A1 - C6 = Credit pass, D7 - E8 = Pass, no credit F9 = Fail
- **Subjects required:** English language, mathematics, integrated science, and social studies all for 3 years.
- **Graduation requirements:** Complete 3 years of secondary/high school academic work. Must earn six credit grades of A1-C6 in core English, math and integrated science, plus additional three elective subjects in the West Africa Secondary School certificate Examination (WASSCE).
- **Name of diploma/certificate/degree conferred upon completion:** WASSCE certificate.
- **Name of school leaving exams:** WASSCE: West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination
- **How to verify school leaving exams or diploma/certificate/degree:** Students will buy a scratch card and provide the 12-digit pin and serial number on the card, their index number, type (WASSCE school or private) and year of examination to admission officers in order for them to access student's scores directly from the examination council. For results of private exams, students need to provide their date of birth as well.
- **Other foreign credentials:** A-levels and International Baccalaureate are offered at some private schools. IGCSE/O- level is not equivalent to high school graduation. No other local credential is equivalent.
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions testing availability in-country:** SAT, ACT, TOEFL IBT, IELTS and Duolingo

Structure of University System

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 4
- **Language of instruction in universities:** English
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- **Grading system and interpretation:** A - F scale. 0 - 100% scale. A=70% -80%.
Grading classes - Honors: 1st Class, 2nd Upper, 2nd Lower, 3rd Class, and Pass.
- **Degrees offered:** Bachelor's, master's, and doctorate.
- **Top fields of study/majors:** STEM programs, Business and Management, Humanities and Arts
- **Standardized graduate admissions testing availability:** GRE (computer-based), GMAT, LSAT, USMLE, IELTS, TOEFL and Duolingo.
- **Study Abroad:** According to UNESCO, the U.S. is the number one, most popular destination for study abroad.



Educational Authorities and International Education Resources

- **Ministry of Education:**
<https://moe.gov.gh/>
+233-302-683 627
- **Ghana Education Service (unofficial website maintained by volunteers):**
<https://ges.gov/gh>
+233-302-297 7663
- **National Accreditation Board Website:**
<https://gtec.edu/gh>
+233-307-030248
- **West African Examinations Council:**
<http://ghana.waecdirect.org>
- For a current list of EducationUSA advising centers in Ghana, please visit <https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>.

