

Belgium

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9 or year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of upper secondary
Native Language(s)	French, Flemish, German, Dutch
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 2 + 4 = 12 or 6 + 6 = 12 or 6 + 2 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, two years lower secondary, four or five years upper secondary, or six years primary and six years secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur* (CESS) [Certificate of Higher Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Diploma van Hoger Secundaire Onderwijs* [Diploma of Higher Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Certificat de Qualification 6* [Orientation Certificate] *Wallonia* (CQ6)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. *Getuigschrift 6* [Certificate] *Flanders*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts* [Leaving Certificate of the Higher Level of Secondary Instruction]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. *Diploma Van Secundair Onderwijs*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. *Getuigschrift Van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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8. *Studiegetuigschrift van het tweede leerjaar van de derde graad van het secundair onderwijs* [Certificate of the second stage of secondary education - Vocational]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Attestation d'Orientation* [Orientation Certificate]
2. *Orienteringattest* [Orientation Certificate]
3. *Certificat de l'Enseignement Secondaire Inferieur* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]
4. *Getuigschrift Van Lager Secundair Onderwijs* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]
5. *Certificat de Qualification* [Certificate of Qualification]
6. *Kwalificatiegetuigschrift* [Qualification Certificate]
7. *Getuigschrift Van de Tweede Graad Van Het Secundair Onderwijs*
8. *Certificat d'enseignement Secondaire du Deuxieme Degrè*
9. *Certificat de Qualification de Sixième Année de L'enseignement Secondaire (CE6P/CQ6)*
10. *Abschlusszeugnis der Unterstufe des Sekundarunterrichts*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
18-20	A	4
16-17	A	4
14-15	B	3
10-13	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0-9	F	0

***Note:** Grades 8 to 9.99 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
90-100	A	4
80-89	A	4
70-79	B	3
50-69	C	2
0-49	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
<i>Avec Plus Grande Distinction/Met Grootste Onderscheiding</i>	Highest Distinction	A	4
<i>Avec Grande Distinction/Met Grote Onderscheiding</i>	Greatest Distinction	A	4
<i>Avec Distinction/Met Onderscheiding</i>	Distinction	B	3
<i>Suffisant/Met Voldoening</i>	Sufficient	C	2
<i>Ajourné/NA</i>	Failed	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	Math	Science	Social Science	Additional Courses
		Science and Technology	Humanities	

» [Click here](#) for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
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