

Burkina Faso

Background

Academic Calendar	October-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Quatrieme, 4ème, 4e, 4</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year or lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12 or 6 + 4 + 3 = 13	12 or 13 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Baccalauréat/Diplôme de Bachilier de 'Enseignement du Second Degré* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Baccalauréat Technique* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Baccalauréat de Technicien* [Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. *Diplôme de Bachelier de Technicien* [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Brevet d'Études Professionnelles* (BEP) [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 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. *Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle* (BEPC) [Certificate of First Cycle Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competency]

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

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
16.00-20	A	4
14.00-15.99	A	4
12.00-13.99	B	3
10.00-11.99	C	2
8.00-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

Note: Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade “D”) only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
<i>Très Bien</i>	Very Good	A	4
<i>Bien</i>	Good	A	4
<i>Assez Bien</i>	Quite Good	B	3
<i>Passable</i>	Satisfactory	C	2
<i>Ajourné</i>	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» Native language terms for years nine through 13:

Native Language	School Year
<i>Quatrieme (4ème)</i>	9
<i>Troisieme (3ème)</i>	10
<i>Deuxieme/Seconde (2ème/2nde)</i>	11

Native Language	School Year
<i>Premiere (1er/1ere)</i>	12
<i>Terminale (Ter)</i>	13

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.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

