

Colombia

Background

Academic Calendar	February-December
What is year nine called?	Year 9 of 11, <i>noveno grado</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of middle school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 2 = 11	11 years total: five years primary school, four years middle school and two years secondary school

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Titulo de Maestro/Maestro Superior/Normalista Superior* [Title/Diploma of Teacher/Advanced Teacher/Advanced Educator]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificado de Aptitud Profesional* [Certificate of Professional Aptitude]
2. *Certificado de Equivalencia del Grado de Bachiller* [Certificate of Equivalence to the Bachiller Diploma]
3. *Diploma de Experto* [Diploma of Expert] from a secondary-level commercial, industrial or technical school
4. *Certificado de Conclusion del Ciclo Basico* [Certificate of Completion of Lower Secondary School]

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

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excelente	Excellent	A	4
Bueno/Sobresaliente	Outstanding	B	3
Aceptable	Acceptable	C	2
Deficiente	Deficient	F	0



Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Superior	Superior	A	4
Alto	High	B	3
Básico	Basic	C	2
Baja	Low	F	0

5-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
4.5-5	A	4
4-4.49	B	3
3-3.99	C	2
0-2.99	F	0

10-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
9-10	A	4
8-8.9	B	3
6-7.9	C	2
0-5.9	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » If a grade is issued that is greater than 100 (typically in the subjects of Chinese, English or mathematics), the grade will be considered out of 150 and a percentage will be determined that can be applied to the approved 100-point scale.
- » [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.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

