NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

FINLAND

BACKGROUND	
Academic Calendar	*September-May*
What is year nine called?	*Year 9*
Where is year nine typically located?	*Final year of lower secondary school*
Native Language(s)	*Finnish*
GRADUATION TIMELINE	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	*12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary*

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

1. *Lukion Päästötodistus/Dismissionsbetyg/Avgangsbetyg Fran Gymnasiet* [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentsexamensbetyg* [Matriculation Examination Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

3. *Teknikko [Technician] or Teknillisen Koulun Päästötodistus* [Vocational Secondary School Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

4. *Ammatillinen Perustutkinto* [Initial Vocational Qualification]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

5. *Tutkintotodistus or Qualification Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

1. *Kauppakoulu* [Vocational School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

2. *Peruskoulun Paastotodistus* [Basic School Graduation Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	9 years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)

Grading Scales

LUKION PAASTOTODISTUS/DISMISSIONSBETYG					
NUMERIC GRADE	**U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT**	**QUALITY POINTS**	**NUMERIC GRADE**	**U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT**	**QUALITY POINTS**
10	A	4	6	C	2
9	A	4	5	D	1
8	B	3	4	F (Failure)	0
7	B	3			

LUKION PAASTOTODISTUS/DISMISSIONSBETYG			
GRADE	**TRANSLATION**	**U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT**	**QUALITY POINTS**
Erinomainen	Outstanding, Excellent	A	4
Kiitettävä	Very Good	A	4
Hyvä	Good	B	3
Tyydyttävä	Acceptable, Satisfactory	B	3
Kohtalainen	Fair	C	2
Välttävä Just	Adequate, Sufficient	D	1
Heikko, Hylätty	Weak, Fail	F (Failure)	0

YLIOPPILASTUTKINTOTODISTUS/STUDENTSEXAMENSBETYG (MATRICULATION EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE)			
GRADE	**TRANSLATION**	**U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT**	**QUALITY POINTS**
Laudatar	Praiseworthy	A	4
Eximia cum' laude Approbatur	Approved with Exceptional Honors	A	4
Magna cum' laude Approbatur	Approved with Great Honors	B	3
Cum laude Approbatur	Approved with Honors	B	3
Lubenter Approbatur	Approved with Satisfaction	C	2

Approbatur	Approved	D	1
Improbatur	Not Approved	F (Failure)	0

YLIOPPILASTUTKINTOTODISTUS/STUDENTSEXAMENSBETYG (MATRICULATION EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE)					
NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT	QUALITY POINTS	NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT	QUALITY POINTS
7	A	4	3	C	2
6	A	4	2	D	1
5	B	3	1	F (Failure)	0
4	B	3			

Important Information

» For yearly transcripts, all grades reported per course per year must be averaged to determine the overall final grade awarded for the course. If a grade of an "S" is reported in combination with numeric grades, the "S" grade should be treated as the minimum passing grade on the grading scale. All final grades with decimal points will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Example 1: Math scores received are as follows: 6 7 9 6 8 7

All numbers added together total 43, divided by the six grades equals 7.1666. Rounded down to a seven, the final grade awarded for math would be a "B" grade on the 10-point scale.

Example 2: Math scores received are as follows: 6 7 9 **S** 8 7

All numbers added together total 42. This is because the "S" represents a "pass" and the minimum passing grade on the 10-point scale is a five. The total (42) divided by the six grades equals seven. The final grade awarded for this math would be a "B" grade.

Reference Documents

» **Course Title Usage guide**.

» **Determination of Credit resource**.

» **International initial-eligibility flyer**.

» **Information on tasks assigned to student-athlete accounts**.

» **NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility PDF.**

» **Country-specific webpages**.

» **Multi-country references**.