

Hong Kong

Background

Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Chinese (Mandarin), English
Graduation Timeline	
$6 + 5 = 11$ or $6 + 3 + 3 = 12$ or $6 + 6 = 12$ or $6 + 5 + 2 = 13$	11, 12 or 13 years total: timeline varies, see various timelines below

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Hong Kong Advanced Supplementary Level Examination (HKASLE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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GRADING SCALES

HKDSE Category A Examinations

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4	2	D	1
4	B	3	1	D	1
3	C	2	0/Ungraded	F	0

HKDSE Category B Examinations

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Attained with Distinction	C	2
Attained	D	1
Unattained	F	0



HKDSE Category C Examinations

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
D	D	1
E	D	1
U	F	0

HKALE

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
E	C	2
F	D	1
U	F	0

HKASLE

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
4	A	4
3	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
2	C	2
1	D	1

HKASLE

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
D	D	1
E	D	1

HKCEE

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
E	C	2
F	D	1
H	F	0

HKCEE

For the subjects of English and Chinese only

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
2	D	1
1	D	1
0/Ungraded	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
			Liberal Studies	

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- ° Applied Science.

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.](#)

