

Malaysia

Background

Academic Calendar	January-November
What is year nine called?	Form III, form 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Malay, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12 or 6 + 3 + 4 = 13	11, 12 or 13 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia* (SPM) [Malaysian Certificate of Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

2. *Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia* (STPM) [Malaysian High School Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

3. Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary School Unified Examination (MICSSUE)

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

4. *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokesyenal* (SPMV) [Malaysian Certificate of Education for Vocational Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

5. *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia* (SPM) [Malaysian Certificate of Education for Technical Schools]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Malaysia Examinations Syndicate

6. *Sijil Matrikulasi* [Matriculation Certificate Vocational Unified Examination (VUE)]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (one year or two consecutive semesters from on-time completion of MICSSUE or Vocational Unified Examination or five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Ministry of Education

7. Vocational Unified Examination (VUE)

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Penilaian Menengah Rendah [Lower Certificate of Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Unified Examination Certificate

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

Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysian Certificate of Education)						
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Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysian Certificate of Education)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	A	4
Credit	B	B	3
Credit	C	C	2
Pass	D, E	D	1
Fail	G	F (Failure)	0

Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysia Advanced Certificate of Education)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	F	0
F	F	0

Senior Middle and Vocational Unified Examination (UEC)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A1/A2	A	4
B3/B4/B5/B6	B	3
Credit	C	2
F9	F	0

Senior Middle and Vocational Unified Examination (UEC)		
Description	U.s. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Credit	B	3
Pass	C	2
Fail	F	0

Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) and the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) Lower Secondary Assessment (LSA)		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	C	2
D	D	1
F	F	0

Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) and the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) Lower Secondary Assessment (LSA)		
Description	U.s. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Credit	B	3
Good	C	2
Pass (minimum competence)	D	1
Fail	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
			Pendidikan Moral	

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.](#)

