

Nigeria

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Junior Secondary School Three (JSS3)
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of junior secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, French, Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years junior secondary school and three years of senior secondary school

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. General Certificate of Education (GCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	Various examination boards

2. West African Senior School Certificate for School Candidates (WASSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	WAEC (West African Examinations Council)

3. Senior School Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year)
Issuing Body	National Examinations Council (NECO)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Junior Secondary Certificate of Education (JSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Polytechnic (Secondary Level)

3. Teacher's Certificate Grade III

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

SSCE and WAEC						
Numeric Grade		U.S. Grade Equivalent		Quality Points		
1		A		4		
2		A		4		
3		B		3		
4		B		3		
5		C		2		
6		C		2		
7		D		1		
8		D		1		
9		F		0		

SSCE and WAEC						
SSCE		WAEC				
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points		Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A1	A	4		C6	C	2
B2	A	4		D7	D	1
B3	B	3		E8	D	1
C4	B	3		F9	F	0
C5	C	2				

SSCE and WAEC						
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points		Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	4		Credit	C	2
Very Good	A	4		Pass	D	1
Good	B	3		Pass	D	1
Credit	B	3		Fail	F	0
Credit	C	2				

GCE		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2 (lowest passing grade)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

<i>English/Native Language</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Additional Courses</i>
			Civic Education	

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

- Commerce.
- Agriculture Science.
- Christian Religious Knowledge (CRK).

» The academic school years in Nigeria appear on the transcript as follows:

- JSS = Junior Secondary School.
- SSS = Senior Secondary School.

» Native terms for years seven through 12:

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
JSS 1	07
JSS 2	08
JSS 3	09

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
SSS 1	10
SSS 2	11
SSS 3	12

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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.](#)

