

Samoa

Background

Academic Calendar	January-December
What is year nine called?	Class 9
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Samoaan, English
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 5 = 13	13 years total: eight years primary and five years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) (first awarded in 2004)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Samoa Secondary Leaving Certificate (SSLC) (replaces Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC), first awarded in 2013)

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or 10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Samoa School Certificate (received upon completion of the National Examination for year 12)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Year 11 Certificate (awarded at the end of year 11; discontinued)

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

Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)		
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	C	2
8	D	1
9	F	0

Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate (PSSC)		
Descriptor	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent standard of achievement	A	4
Very high standard of achievement	A	4
High standard of achievement	B	3
Good standard of achievement	B	3
Satisfactory standard of achievement	C	2
Adequate	C	2
Some achievement	C	2
Lower level of achievement	D	1
Little level of achievement	F	0

South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC)			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
80 - 100	A	A	4
66 - 79	A	A	4
56 - 65	B	B	3
45 - 55	C	C	2
30 - 44	D	D	1
0 - 29	F	F	0

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.](#)