

Sierra Leone

Background

Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	JSS 3, JSS III
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary

Country-specific documents that may be requested: In certain circumstances, the NCAA Eligibility Center may request additional documents to complete an academic certification in addition to the documents required for all students. This list may not be all-inclusive:

» Basic Education Certification Examination (BECE).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- West African Examinations Council Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE)

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE)

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

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

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Pass-With-Credit	B	3
Pass-With-Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F	0



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » The academic school years in Sierra Leone 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

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.](#)

