

Guide for the Assessment of Academic Qualifications for Graduate Admission

University of Lethbridge

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June 2016	Updates to international education systems. Addition of new countries.	Admissions

Introduction

This manual is intended to serve as a guide to staff, faculty, and prospective students for reviewing the academic qualifications of applicants for admission to graduate programs at the University of Lethbridge, particularly those educated outside of Canada. In addition to basic information regarding GPA calculation methods, including credit and grade conversions, this manual provides specific information for over 30 individual countries and the European Higher Education Area. Within each educational system, there may be variations in program structures, credit systems, grading systems that are not captured within the general information provided in this document.

Questions about the information contained in this manual, or about credentials or countries not included, should be directed to Admissions (admissions@uleth.ca, 403-382-7134, SU140).

Disclaimer

Due to the dynamic and variable nature of educational systems, the information contained in this manual is for information purposes only and is subject to change at any time, as the key features of educational systems and best practices in international credential evaluation evolve, or as additional information become available.

The official Admission GPA is calculated by Admissions upon application for admission to a program in the School of Graduate Studies. Before doing this calculation, the institution's recognition status, grade scale, credit system will all be confirmed.

Additional information regarding admission requirements to graduate programs may be found in the Graduate Studies Calendar, available at www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/calendar. In case of disagreement between information presented in this manual and the Calendar, the Calendar shall be taken as correct.

Academic Qualifications for Admission

The academic qualifications for admission for each program offered by the School of Graduate Studies are outlined in the appropriate program section of the Graduate Studies Calendar: www.uleth.ca/ross/calendar. The following are the academic admission requirements common to all programs in general terms, but there may be slight variations for each program.

Master's Programs

Applicants to master's degree programs must meet the following minimum requirements before the University will consider admission:

1. A University of Lethbridge baccalaureate degree, or its academic equivalent from another recognized degree-granting institution, in the discipline of interest or in a closely cognate discipline.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.00 (based on a 4.00 scale) on the *last 20 graded university-level semester courses* (60.0 credit hours).

Doctoral Programs

Applicants to the Doctor of Philosophy program must meet the following minimum requirements before the University will consider admission:

1. A University of Lethbridge master's degree, or its academic equivalent, in the discipline or a closely cognate discipline from a recognized degree-granting university.

2. Evidence of scholarly competence, including a cumulative GPA of 3.50 (on a 4.00 scale) on all *graded master's level courses*.

English Language Proficiency

Regardless of citizenship or origin, all applicants whose first language is not English must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELP) for Graduate Students. Evidence of ELP must be provided before admission will be offered. There are many ways to meet the ELP requirement, as outlined in the Calendar: www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-calendar/sgs/elp.

Credential Assessment

The first step to assessing an applicant's academic history is to determine if they hold the required academic credential from a recognized educational institution:

- a. Confirm that the baccalaureate or master's credential is equivalent to a University of Lethbridge bachelor's or master's degree.
- b. Confirm that the institution is recognized by the appropriate educational authorities in the country where the program was located.
 - a. *Recognition* implies that the institution has the legal authority to offer the program(s) and award the academic credential(s). Recognition is usually administered by the appropriate ministry of education and may be required for the institution in general and/or specific programs, depending on the jurisdiction.
 - b. *Accreditation* is conducted by a third party and often entails an aspect of quality assurance of the specific program. Depending on the jurisdiction, recognition and accreditation may be part of the same process, separate processes, or accreditation may be voluntary or even non-existent.

International Academic Credentials

The Graduate Studies Calendar lists the approved academic equivalents to University of Lethbridge degrees for over 200 countries: www.uleth.ca/ross/sites/ross/files/imported/academic-calendar/sgs/part06.pdf. The minimum grade requirements listed in the Calendar pertain to the entire credential. International applicants must also have meet the admission GPA requirements, calculated on the *last 20 university-level semester courses* for master's programs and all *graded master's level courses* for doctoral programs.

Questions concerning credentials or countries not listed in the Calendar, or in this manual, should be directed to Admissions.

The University of Lethbridge reserves the right to determine whether degrees and other academic programs completed elsewhere are equivalent to University of Lethbridge degrees. In doing so, the University of Lethbridge takes into consideration several factors, including the length of the program, the learning outcomes of the program, and the access provided by the credential in its own educational system, in accordance with Canada's obligations under the Lisbon Recognition Convention.

The University of Lethbridge makes every attempt to assess international credentials accurately and fairly for each applicant, to ensure that each applicant is considered equitably for admission. However, international credential evaluation, particularly grade conversion, is complex and subject to inherent variations that cannot be precisely converted into the University of Lethbridge educational system. GPA conversion sometimes represents an art rather than a science. Admissions welcomes contributions to the information used to conduct international academic credential assessments.

Admission GPA Calculation

Once it has been determined that the applicant holds the required credential(s), the second step to assessing an applicant's academic qualifications for admission is to calculate the Admission GPA. Admission GPAs are not calculated for applicants who do not meet the minimum credential requirement. With the appropriate information, this should take approximately 10-15 minutes. Details on variations in grading and credit systems and their influence on the following procedure are provided in later sections.

What You Need:

1. Complete academic transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended, including:
 - a. A list of all courses completed and grades earned
 - b. Supplementary information provided by the institution to assist with interpretation. This transcript key is often printed on the back page of transcripts and may include information regarding the grade scale used, grade distribution, the credit system of the institution, academic year, language of instruction, etc.
 - c. Details regarding required documents for international applicants, and how they should be submitted, are found in the Appendix.
2. Calculator or GPA calculation spreadsheet (AVAILABLE FROM URL).
3. International educational system information (see Appendix).

Procedure:

1. Identify which grades are to be included in the GPA calculation.

Master's programs

Start with the most recent university-level semester course and count backwards to 20 graded, university-level, semester courses.

- i. The following grades are excluded from admission GPA calculations:
 - Theses, projects, or practicums worth more than 6.0 credit hour equivalents, as they are not considered to be "semester courses"
 - Non-graded courses
 - Credit granted on the basis of life experience
 - Continuing education and non-credit courses
 - Credit earned at institutions not recognized by the University of Lethbridge
- ii. Terms are not dissected, so the actual number of courses or credit hours used may exceed 20 courses (60.0 credit hours). When the transcript does not identify semesters, years of study, or dates of completion, grades for the entire credential will be used.
- iii. When labs associated to courses are reported separately on the transcript, they do not count as a course, but the grades should be included in the GPA calculation.
- iv. Must include a minimum of 60.0 credit hours (or equivalent). Details on credit system variations and procedures for identifying courses and converting to credit hours are provided in the section "Credit Systems"

Doctoral programs

Identify all graded master's-level courses completed at recognized institutions. Graded theses are included in the Doctoral admission GPA calculation.

2. Convert the grades to the University of Lethbridge grading scale, if necessary.

The University of Lethbridge uses the 4.0 letter grading system and the grades for each course must be converted to the U of L grading system.

- This is usually done on a course-by-course basis. Variations on this standard procedure are noted in the educational information for the particular country (see Appendix).
- The common grade conversion scale(s) for each country is(are) included in the Appendix.

Grading System effective May 1, 2002		Grade Points
A+		4.0
A	Excellent	4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Satisfactory	2.0
C-		1.7
D+	Poor	1.3
D	Minimal Pass	1.0
F	Failure	0

Figure 1. University of Lethbridge Grading System

3. Calculate the grade point average using the converted credit values and grades identified in steps 1 and 2.

$$\text{Grade Point Average} = \frac{\text{Total Grade Points}}{\text{Total Credit Hours}}$$

The GPA calculation spreadsheet is formatted to calculate grade points for each course (grade points * credit hours) and the overall GPA.

GPA's are truncated to two decimal places. The University of Lethbridge does not round Admission GPA's.

GPA Justification Process

If the admission GPA does not meet minimum admission requirements, supervisors and departments may provide additional rationale to support admission consideration. This rationale should be submitted by the departmental committee, be objective and evidence-based, and include:

- A summary of the applicant's academic background
- Identification and explanation of compelling circumstances that have affected the admission GPA
- Additional information about the institution or program that the applicant attended
- Additional evidence of research potential

Examples of compelling circumstances include:

- Extenuating circumstances, such as illness or family emergency
- Converted international GPA does not reflect student's achievements
- Student's academic history contains a high proportion of ungraded courses
- Significant experience in the discipline gained since completing academic degrees

This information becomes part of the applicant's official student record and is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) and all University policies.

There is a different process for supervisors and departments to provide additional rationale for competitive funding sources. See *Admit System User Manual* for details.

Credit Systems

It is a basic principle of credential assessment that one year of full-time study at one educational institution is the equivalent of one year of full-time study at another educational institution.

When identifying which *20 courses* should be included in the admission GPA calculation, it is necessary to identify what an equivalent is to a U of L semester course (3.0 credit hours) in the particular educational system. While the semester-hour, credit-based system that is in use at the University of Lethbridge is common, there are several other systems used around the world to represent student workload on academic records. There is often a common system used in a country, though there may be variations among individual institutions.

Credit-based Systems

Credit-based systems reflect student work in terms of units or credit hours. This is system used almost universally in North America. The European Higher Education Area (EHEA) has also implemented a common credit-based system, the European Common Transfer System (ECTS), throughout the signatory countries to the Bologna Accord. Credit-based systems are also used in other countries, including Australia, Japan, Iran, and Nigeria.

The University of Lethbridge uses a system of semester hours, where 20 courses represents 60.0 credit hours (typically 3.0 credit hour per course) and two years of full-time study. Each credit hour represents approximately one instructional hour per week for the entire semester (semester = 12-16 weeks). To convert a credit-based credential into semester hours:

- Determine the number of units required to either complete the program or, if unavailable, in an average full-time year.
- Determine the number of U of L credit hours that would be completed in the same timeframe (e.g. 120.0 credit hours for a baccalaureate degree or 30.0 credit hours per year).
- Determine the conversion factor:

$$\text{Conversion Factor} = \frac{\text{Equivalent U of L credits in study period}}{\text{Total international credits in study period}}$$
- Multiply the foreign credits for each course by the conversion factor to determine the number of U of L credit hour equivalents.

Hours-based Credentials

There are many countries in which academic records reflect the hours of instruction or expected student work rather than credits. To convert an hours-based credential into U of L semester hours:

Method 1

When the hours reported are the number of formal instruction hours per *week* for each subject, the following conversion can be used.

Total Hours per Week	Number of Credits per Hour
10-11	3
12-14	2.5
15-17	2
18-19	1.75
20-23	1.5
24-29	1.25
30-36	1
37-40	.75

Method 2

When the hours reported are the total number of formal instruction hours per *year* for each subject, the following conversion can be used.

Total Hours per Year	Number of Credits per 100 Hours
300	10
350	9
400	8
450	7
500-550	6
600-650	5
700	4.5
750-850	4

Total Hours per Year	Number of Credits per 100 Hours
900	3.5
950	3.25
1000-1150	3
1200-1300	2.5
1350-1400	2.25
1450-1750	2
1800-1950	1.75
2000	1.5

Method 3

- i. Determine the number of hours required to complete the program or, if unavailable, in an average full-time year.
- ii. Determine the number of U of L credit hours that would be completed in the same timeframe (e.g. 30.0 credit hours per year).
- iii. Determine the conversion factor:

$$\text{Conversion Factor} = \frac{\text{Maximum international hours in study period}}{\text{Equivalent U of L credits in study period}}$$
- iv. Multiply the foreign hours for each course by the conversion factor to determine the number of U of L credit hour equivalents.
- v. If the credit weighting seems unusual against the U of L system, convert to the nearest U of L equivalent.

Marks-based Credentials

It is common in India, France, and other countries to represent academic credentials in terms of maximum marks. In this system, the grades or marks indicate the relative weight of the subject in the overall period of study; there is no specific and separate credit unit per subject taught. To convert a marks-based credential to semester hours:

Method 1

Maximum Marks per Year	Number of Credits per Marks
100	3 per 10
150	2 per 10
200	1.5 per 10
250	1.25 per 10
300-350	1 per 10
400	8 per 100
500-550	6 per 100
600-650	5 per 100
700	4.5 per 100

Maximum Marks per Year	Number of Credits per Marks
750-850	4 per 100
900	3.5 per 100
950	3.25 per 100
1000-1150	3 per 100
1200-1300	2.5 per 100
1350-1400	2.25 per 100
1450-1750	2 per 100
1800-1950	1.75 per 100
2000-2050	1.5 per 100

Method 2

- i. Determine the maximum possible marks per subject and total marks in the study period.
- ii. Determine the length of the study period and the U of L credit hours that would be completed in the same timeframe (30.0 credit hours per full-time academic year).
- iii. Determine the conversion factor:

$$\text{Conversion Factor} = \frac{\text{Equivalent U of L credits in study period}}{\text{Maximum marks in study period}}$$

- iv. Divide the international hours for each course/subject/study period by the conversion factor to determine the number of U of L credit hour equivalents.

Subject-based Credentials

Some academic records provide only a list of subjects and the evaluation of those subjects, with no relative weight or other quantifiable unit to be used in conversion. Without any information on weight, it must be assumed that each course/subject/study period carries an equal weight of one, unless the number of subjects taken in each year varies over the course of the full-time program. These differences should be accounted for when determining the quantitative value of the subject. Though this is becoming less common, this type of documentation is still seen in some countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Italy, and Russia. For such credentials:

Method 1

Number of Subjects or Units per Year	Number of Credits per Subject or Unit
1	32
2	16
3	10
4	8
5	6
6	5
7	4.5
8	4
9	3.5

Number of Subjects or Units per Year	Number of Credits per Subject or Unit
10-11	3
12-13	2.5
14	2.25
15-17	2
18-19	1.75
20-23	1.5
24-28	1.25
29-37	1
38-40	.75

Method 2

- i. Determine the total number of subjects completed in the program or, if not unavailable, in an average full-time year.
- ii. Determine the length of the study period and the U of L credits that would be completed in that same time.
- iii. Determine the conversion factor:

$$\text{Number of Credits per Subject} = \frac{\text{Equivalent U of L credits in study period}}{\text{Total subjects in study period}}$$

Grading Systems

(Source: James, S. Frey. 2003. *Grading Practices*. Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.)

There are many systems used throughout the world to measure student learning. The most common systems involve assigning numerical or alpha values (grades) that represent either the student's performance relative to either an external standard of performance (*criterion-referenced grading*) or the performance of other students completing the same test or course at the same time (*norm-referenced grading*). In other systems, student performance is assessed qualitatively (e.g. pass/fail). Grade point averages cannot be calculated on student achievements when exclusively assessed qualitatively.

Test difficulty also varies throughout educational systems and this affects the application of the grading system to student learning. Most assessments are a combination of easy, moderate, and difficult items. A test that contains a high proportion of easy test items will result in a high percentage of students scoring at the upper levels. This type of test is generally used where a grade such as 75% is considered the minimum passing grade. Tests that contain a high proportion of difficult test items will result in a low percentage of students scoring at the upper levels. This type of test is generally used where a low grade (e.g. 33%) is considered the minimum passing grade. As a result of these differences, the grade conversion scale used to calculate the admission average may be different across, or even within countries, even when the grading system is the same (e.g. percentage).

In Canada and the United States, test difficulty and grading is usually completely within the jurisdiction of the individual professor, department, or institution. There is no direct relationship between any passing grade and any percentage of correct responses on any assessment tool.

Grade Points

Many grading systems that use letter or descriptive grades to report student achievement also assign numerical values (*grade points*) as a means of determining the level of a student's overall performance in relation to the minimum qualitative requirements for remaining in good standing and for graduation. The most common scale used in Canada is a 4-point scale, where an 'A' is equal to 4.0, a 'C' is equal to 2.0, and a failing grade is not worth any grade points. There are many variations of this scale, including systems that assign a grade of 'A+' a value above 4.0 (e.g. 4.3 or 4.5). University of Lethbridge grade points (see figure 1) are used to calculate admission GPAs, even when the actual grades reported on the transcript are not converted. For example, the University of Manitoba assigns a grade point value of 3.5 to grade of 'B+'. We will recognize the grade as a 'B+' and calculate it in the admission GPA with a grade point value of 3.3.

Condoned Pass and 'D' Grades

The letter grade 'D' is used widely in Canada and the United States, but relatively uncommon around the world. Although considered to be a passing grade on individual courses, it often falls below minimum grade requirements for individual courses, programs, and graduation. Some educational systems do have an analogous concept, the "condoned pass", that is used to recognize marginal student achievement for credit towards the credential, provided the overall student average is above a higher minimum that represents satisfactory student achievement. For example, students in France

will be permitted to continue to the next year of study if their annual average is above 10.0/20, even if they have earned grades as low as 8.0 in individual courses.

Treatment of Grades Earned Elsewhere

In Canada, tertiary institutions vary significantly in their selectivity, ranging from non-selective institutions where all students who have completed secondary education are admitted to highly selective institutions where only the top students are admitted. Despite this, credits, grades, and credentials are all recognized at face value by all other tertiary institutions.

Frey (2003) has identified general recommendations for determining U.S. grade equivalents for grades used in other countries, based on the whether the educational system is highly selective (very few secondary graduates qualify for higher education) or non-selective (all secondary graduates are eligible for university admission).

Vertical

Although not every student qualifies for admission to every university, the university sector in non-selective educational systems contains both selective and non-selective institutions, giving every secondary graduate the opportunity to pursue university-level study. In vertical educational systems, such as Canada, the lowest passing grade is a 'D' or its equivalent.

As a rule of thumb, Frey proposes the following grade conversions for vertical educational systems, based on the number of passing grades in the system:

Equivalent Grade	One Passing Grade	Two Passing Grades	Three Passing Grades	Four Passing Grades
A		Higher	Highest	Highest
B				Second
B/C			Middle	
C		Lower		Third
D			Lowest	Fourth
P (pass)	Pass			
F	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail

Pyramidal

In highly selective educational systems, the proportion of the population that qualifies for competitive admission to the next level of education is small, resulting in a pyramidal depiction of educational participation, with high proportion of students being selected out of the system on the basis of their academic performance. In these systems, the lowest passing grade is the equivalent of a 'C' grade, not a 'D' grade.

As a rule of thumb, Frey proposes the following grade conversions for pyramidal educational systems, based on the number of passing grades in the system:

Equivalent Grade	One Passing Grade	Two Passing Grades	Three Passing Grades	Four Passing Grades
A		Higher	Highest	Highest
B			Middle	Second
B/C				Third
C		Lower	Lowest	Fourth
D				
P (pass)	Pass			
F	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail

Further Assistance

Preassessments

To assist potential faculty supervisors with determining if a potential graduate student is academically qualified for admission to a graduate program, the Admissions office will conduct a preassessment. To request a preassessment, the faculty member or School of Graduate Studies must submit a *Request for Preassessment* to Admissions along with the following documents:

1. Complete academic transcripts for each post-secondary institution attended.
2. Degree certificates if the credential conferral is not reported on the transcript.
3. If transcripts are not issued in English, a certified translation of the academic documents.
4. At least one copy of the transcript key, diploma supplement (EHEA countries), or other available supplementary information necessary to interpret the documents.
5. Applicant's curriculum vitae (CV).

Preassessments will be conducted only when:

- The credential is reported using a grade system or credit system not included in this manual.
- Full and complete information is presented to the Admissions Office.
- Requested by the potential faculty supervisor to confirm academic qualifications prior to agreeing to support the applicant's application for admission and supervise their program.
- The applicant intends to pursue a Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program.

Preassessments are a service provided to assist potential supervisors with a decision to supervise a student; they are not a guarantee of admission or minimum funding levels.

Other Assistance

Other questions regarding academic qualifications for admission to graduate programs can be directed to Admissions:

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Table 1: European Higher Education Area (Bologna Process, ECTS)

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	First-cycle degree 3-year degrees are considered on a case-by-case basis			
Recognition	European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Descriptor	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A	Excellent	A	4.0
	B	Very Good	B+	3.3
	C	Good	B	3.0
	D	Satisfactory	C+	2.3
	E	Sufficient	C	2.0
	F, FX	Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	2 ECTS = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	Varies by country			
Typical Language of Instruction	Varies by country			
English Language Proficiency	Varies by country			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and Diploma Supplement • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript or Degree Supplement • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	The Bologna Process , launched with the Bologna Declaration of 1999, is one of the main voluntary processes at the European Level and is intended to ensure more comparable, compatible and coherent systems of higher education in Europe. It is implemented in 47 participating member countries , which define the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).			

Table 2: Australia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of Second Class Honours (HIIA), Upper Division or Distinction			
Recognition	TEQSA: http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register Nationally recognized training: https://training.gov.au/Search/Training			
Common Grade Scale	Grade (7-point scale)	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	7	High Distinction	A	4.0
	6	Distinction	A-	3.7
	5	Credit	B	3.0
	4	Pass	C	2.0
	3*	Conceded Pass/Failure	D/F	1.0/0.0
	<3	Failure	F	0.0
	P	Non-graded Pass	P	N/A
	N	Non-graded Fail	NC	N
	*Not all institutions have a conceded pass. In these cases, a 3=F.			
Credit System	Varies by institution; there is no national credit system.			
Academic Year	March to November			
Typical Language of Instruction	English			
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education completed in English			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and Diploma Supplement Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	Australian Qualifications Framework: http://www.aqf.edu.au/aqf/in-detail/2nd-ed-jan-2013/ NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-australia.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Australia.pdf			

Table 3: Bangladesh

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study, a Master's degree (if Bachelor's degree is less than four years) with a minimum average of 60% or First Division standing		
Recognition	University Grants Commission: http://www.ugc.gov.bd/		
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	>80	A+	4.0
	75-79	A	4.0
	70-74	A-	3.7
	65-69	B+	3.3
	60-64	B	3.0
	55-59	B-	2.7
	50-54	C+	2.3
	45-49	C	2.0
	40-44	D	1.0
<40	F	0.0	
Credit System	Marks-based, though credits are being introduced If four-year credential: Credit conversion factor = 120.0/maximum marks for credential Multiply the maximum marks for each subject in the study period(s) by the credit conversion factor.		
Academic Year	Public institutions: January to December Private institutions: varies		
Typical Language of Instruction	Bengali or English (selected institutions)		
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark sheets issued by the university • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark sheets certified by and sent directly from the issuing university • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-bangladesh.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/Bangladesh.pdf		

Table 4: Brazil

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree or Licenciado or Titulo (Professional Title) with a minimum average of 7/10				
Recognition	e-MEC (undergraduate programs): http://emec.mec.gov.br/ (Portuguese Only) CAPES (graduate programs*): http://www.capes.gov.br/cursos-recomendados (Portuguese Only) *lato sensu programs not required to be evaluated.				
Common Grade Scale	Grade (10-pt)	Grade (%)	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	9.0+	>90	A	4.0	
	8.0-8.9	80-89	B+	3.3	
	7.0-7.9	70-79	B	3.0	
	6.0-6.9	60-69	C+	2.3	
	5.0-5.9	50-59	C	2.0	
	<5.0	<50	F	0.0	
Credit System	Varies by institution; there is no national credit system.				
Academic Year	1 st Semester: February 1 – July 31 2 nd Semester: August 1 – December 31 Summer: January 1 – February 28				
Typical Language of Instruction	Portuguese				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (<i>Histórico Escolar</i>) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/brazil.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-brazil.pdf				

Table 5: Cameroon

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Diplome d'Ingenieur, Diplome de Professeur d'Enseignement Secondaire or Maitrise requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 14/20																																																																						
Recognition	Ministry of Education(French): http://www.minesup.gov.cm/																																																																						
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Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-cameroon.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Cameroon.pdf																																																																						

Table 6: Canada

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree – Minimum 3.0 (on U of L 4.0 scale), calculated on the last 20 graded university-level semester courses.					
PhD Minimum Admission Requirements	Master's degree – Minimum 3.5 (on U of L 4.0 scale), calculated on all graded master's-level courses.					
Recognition	Provincial Ministry of Advanced Education					
Common Grade Scale	North American Alpha Grade	Stanine (9-point)	Percentage (50% Pass)	Percentage (60% Pass)	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+	9	90-100	96-100	A+	4.0
	A	-	87-89	93-95	A	4.0
	A-	8	82-86	87-92	A-	3.7
	B+	7	78-81	83-86	B+	3.3
	B	-	75-77	79-82	B	3.0
	B-	6	71-74	76-78	B-	2.7
	C+	-	68-70	72-75	C+	2.3
	C	5	65-67	70-71	C	2.0
	C-	-	60-64	65-69	C-	1.7
	D+	4	56-59	63-64	D+	1.3
	D	-	50-55	60-62	D	1.0
	D-	-				
F	<4	<50	<60	F	0.0	
Credit System	Typically, credit-based: 1 Canada = 1 U of L					
Academic Year	September to April					
Typical Language of Instruction	English or French					
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education completed in English					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 					

Table 7: Chile

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciado or Titulo (Professional Title) with a minimum average of 5.7/7		
Recognition	Consejo Nacional de Educacion: http://www.cned.cl/public/Secciones/SeccionEducacionSuperior/instituciones_educacion_superior.aspx		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	6.0-7.0	A	4.0
	5.7-5.9	A-	3.7
	5.3-5.6	B+	3.3
	5.0-5.2	B	3.0
	4.7-4.9	B-	2.7
	4.3-4.6	C+	2.3
	4.0-4.2	C	2.0
<4.0	F	0.0	
Credit System	Varies, may be credit-based or hours-based		
Academic Year	1 st semester: March to July 2 nd semester: July to December		
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Certificado de Notas/Calificaciones</i>) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		

Table 8: China, People's Republic of

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Four year Bachelor's degree with a minimum overall B average (80% or 4/5).		
Recognition	Ministry of Education: www.moe.edu.cn/publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/moe/moe_2812/200906/48836.html		
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	95-100	A+	4.0
	90-94	A	4.0
	85-89	A-	3.7
	82-84	B+	3.3
	80-81	B	3.0
	75-79	B-	2.7
	72-74	C+	2.3
	70-71	C	2.0
	65-69	C-	1.7
	62-64	D+	1.3
	60-61	D	1.0
	0-59	F	0.0
Unless otherwise stated, assume 60% pass scale.			
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 China = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	1 st semester: September to January 2 nd semester: February to June Terms are approximately 13 weeks of instructional time.		
Typical Language of Instruction	Chinese		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-china.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/China%20PRC.pdf		

Table 9: Colombia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciado or Título (Professional Title) with a minimum average of 3.7/5		
Recognition	Sistema Nacional de Información de la Educación Superior (SNIES) (Spanish only) http://snies.mineducacion.gov.co/consultasnies/institucion/buscar.jsp?control=0.7472568993889022		
Common Grade Scale	Numerical Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	4.60-5.00	A	4.0
	4.00-4.59	A-	3.7
	3.7-3.99	B+	3.3
	3.5-3.69	B	3.0
	3.25-3.49	C+	2.3
	3.00-3.24	C	2.0
	<3.00	F	0.0
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Colombia = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	February/March to November/December, or August/September to June; typically divided into semesters.		
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Certificado de estudios/Calificaciones</i>) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Colombia.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-colombia.pdf		

Table 10: Croatia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Diploma requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 4/5				
Recognition	Ministry of Science, Education and Sports : http://public.mzos.hr/Default.aspx?sec=3143				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	5	izvrstan <i>or</i> odličan / <i>excellent</i>	A	4.0	
	4	vrlo dobar /very good	B+	3.3	
	3	Dobar/good	B	3	
	2	Dovoljan/satisfactory	C	2	
	-	Prolaz/pass	P	0	
	1	Nedovoljan/unsatisfactory	F	0	
Other Grade Scale	May use ECTS				
Credit System	National system of credits in Croatia is hours-based. ECTS credits also used.				
Academic Year	October 1 to September 30. Winter semester: October to February Summer semester: March to June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Croatian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-croatia.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/Croatia.pdf				

Table 11: Cuba

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciatura or comparable professional credential such as Ingeniero or Arquitecto requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 85%, or 4/5			
Recognition	Ministry of Education: http://www.mes.edu.cu/			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	5	Sobresaliente, Excelente (Outstanding, Excellent)	A	4.0
	4	Bien, Aprovechado (Good)	B	3.0
	3	Aprobado, Regular (Pass, Average)	C	2.0
	F	Suspenso, Desaprobado (Fail)	F	0.0
Credit System				
Academic Year	September to July			
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (Certificado de Notas/Calificaciones) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the Consultoria Juridica, Departamento de Tramites Migratoris y Documentales. • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/Cuba.pdf			

Table 12: Ecuador

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciado or Titulo (Professional Title) with a minimum average of 8/10			
Recognition	Consejo de Educacion Superior: http://www.ces.gob.ec/ Degree Verification: http://www.senescyt.gob.ec/web/guest			
Common Grade Scale	20-Point Scale:			
	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	20	Sobresaliente, Excellent	A+	4.0
	19-19.99	Muy bueno/Very Good	A	4.0
	18-18.99	Muy bueno/Very Good	A-	3.7
	17-17.99	Regular/Average	B+	3.3
	16-16.99	Bueno/Good	B	3.0
	15-15.99	Regular/Average	C+	2.3
	14-14.99	Regular/Average	C	2.0
	0-13	Arrastre/Fail	F	0
	30-Point Scale:			
	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	30	Sobresaliente, Excellent	A	4.0
	27-29	Muy bueno/Very Good	A	4.0
	23-26	Bueno/Good	B	3.0
	18-22	Regular/Average	C	2.0
	0-17	Arrastre/Fail	F	0
	40-Point Scale:			
	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	40	Sobresaliente, Excellent	A	4.0
	35-39	Muy bueno/Very Good	A	4.0
	30-34	Bueno/Good	B	3.0
	24-29	Regular/Average	C	2.0
	0-23	Arrastre/Fail	F	0
Credit System				
Academic Year	Calendario de Galapagos - April to January Calendario de Amazonas y Sierra – September or October to July			
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Certificado de Notas/Calificaciones</i>) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Ecuador.pdf			

	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-ecuador.pdf
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Table 13: Egypt

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's or Licence degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 75% or Very Good		
Recognition	Supreme Council of Universities: www.scu.eun.eg/ (listed under Universities_Instit)		
Common Grade Scale	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	Excellent	A	4.0
	Very Good	B+	3.3
	Good	B	3.0
	Pass	C	2.0
	Poor	F	0.00
Credit System	Hours/Week or Unit - A unit is a 1 hour lecture, or a 2 hour laboratory period per week		
Academic Year	October to June (Vacation July September) 15 week semesters		
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts issued in English by the institution attended Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-egypt.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Egypt.pdf		

Table 14: El Salvador

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciado or Titulo (Professional Title) with a minimum grade of 8/10
Recognition	Ministerio de Educacion: http://www.mined.gob.sv/
Common Grade Scale	No common scale. Refer to transcript.
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 El Salvador = 1 U of L
Academic Year	February to December
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish
English Language Proficiency	Required
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (<i>Certificado do Notas/Calificaciones</i>) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/El_Salvador.pdf

Table 15: Finland

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Kandidaatti/Kandidat/Bachelor (first-cycle, bachelor-level degree) or professional degree with a minimum standing of Cum Laude Approbatur, 3/5, or 2/3E				
Recognition	Finnish Education Evaluation Centre: http://karvi.fi/en/higher-education/audits-quality-systems/audit-register/				
Common Grade Scale	Number	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	5	Kiitettava /Excellent	A	4.0	
	4	Erittain Hyva /Very Good	B+	3.3	
	3	Hyva/Good	B	3.0	
	2	Erittain Tyydytava/Very Satisfactory	C+	2.3	
	1	Tyydytava/Satisfactory	C	2.0	
	0	Hylatty/Failure	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	Autumn semester: September – December Winter/Spring semester: January – May				
Typical Language of Instruction	Finnish or Swedish				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/finland.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-finland.pdf				

Table 16: France

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Maitrise, Ingenier, Master Recherché requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 12/20 or Bien			
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education and Research: http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/pid24573/enseignement-superieur.html			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	18-20	Très bien	A+	4.0
	16-17	Très bien	A	4.0
	14-15	Bien	A-	3.7
	13	Bien	B+	3.3
	12	Assez bien	B	3.0
	11	Passable	C+	2.3
	10	Passable	C	2.0
	8-9	Ajourne/Condoned Pass	D/F	1.0/0.0
	0-7	Ajourne	F	0.0
	NOTES: Grades of 8 and 9, which are normally failing grades, may be accepted as a "condoned pass" (grade of D) provided the overall grade average for the year (<i>moyenne general</i>) is 10.0 / 20, or higher.			
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS			
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	September – June Usually annual cycles, with exams written in June			
Typical Language of Instruction	French			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Relevé de Notes Annuels</i>) and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-france.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/france.pdf			

Table 17: Germany, Federal Republic of

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Diplom, Magister Artium, Staatsexamen, or Staatsprüfung with a minimum average of Gut or 2.5/6 on a reversed grading scale		
Recognition	Education and institutional recognition regulated by the ministry of education in each state (<i>Land</i>). A complete list can be found at: Hochshulkompass: http://www.hochshulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	1.0-1.2	A	4.0
	1.3-1.6	A-	3.7
	1.7-1.9	B+	3.3
	2.0-2.2	B	3.0
	2.3-2.6	B-	2.7
	2.7-2.9	C+	2.3
	3.0-3.2	C	2.0
	3.3-3.6	C-	1.7
	3.7-3.9	D+	1.3
	4.0	D	1.0
4.1-5.0	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS		
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	October to September		
Typical Language of Instruction	German		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Leistungsnachweise</i>) and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/germany.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-germany.pdf		

Table 18: Ghana

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of Second Class Honours, Upper Division standing			
Recognition	National Accreditation Board (NAB) (Responsible for Institutions and College of Higher Learning): http://www.nab.gov.gh/ National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE): http://www.ncte.edu.gh/ National Board for Professional and Technician Examinations (NABTEX) (responsible for non-university programs and institutions): http://nabptex.gov.gh/ Note: both institution and program must be recognized. .			
Common Grade Scale	Grade (Letter)	Grade (%)	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A	70-100	A	4.0
	A-	65-69	A-	3.7
	B+	60-64	B+	3.3
	B	55-59	B	3.0
	B-	50-54	B-	2.7
	C+	45-49	C+	2.3
	C	40-44	C	2.0
	D	30-39	F	0
	F	0-29	F	0
	X		F	0
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Ghana = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	August to May			
Typical Language of Instruction	English			
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-ghana.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/ghana.pdf			

Table 19: Greece

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's or Ptychio degree with a minimum average of 7/10				
Recognition	National Academic Recognition Information Center: http://www.doatap.gr/en/rechei.php				
Common Grade Scale	Numerical Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	9.0+	Excellent	A+	4.0	
	8.5-8.9		A	4.0	
	8.0-8.4	Good	A-	3.7	
	7.5-7.9		B+	3.3	
	7.0-7.4		B	3.0	
	6.5-6.9		B-	2.7	
	5.5-6.4	Satisfactory	C+	2.3	
	5.0-5.4		C	2.0	
	<5.0	Unsatisfactory	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	September/October – January/February, February - June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Greek				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-greece.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/greece.pdf				

Table 20: Hong Kong

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 70%, Second Class Honours, Upper Division, or Division 1 standing
Recognition	Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications: http://www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/ Qualifications Search: http://www.hkqr.gov.hk/HKQR/welcome.do
Common Grade Scale	Varies by institution. Refer to transcript.
Credit System	
Academic Year	September to May/June
Typical Language of Instruction	Chinese or English
English Language Proficiency	Required
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/HongKong.pdf

Table 21: Hungary

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Egyetemi Oklevél Diploma (4 years), or Professional Title (4.5 years) with a minimum average of 4/5 or Good				
Recognition	Hungarian Accreditation Committee: www.mab.hu/web/index.php?lang=en Ministry of National Resources: http://www.nefmi.gov.hu/felsooktatas/felsooktatasi-intezmenyek				
Common Grade Scale	Scale	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	5	Jeles/ Excellent	A	4.0	
	4	Jo/Good	B	3.0	
	3	Kozepes/Average	C	2.0	
	2	Elegseges/Pass	C	2.0	
	1	Elegtelen/Fail	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	September – June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Hungarian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/Hungary.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-hungary.pdf				

Table 22: India

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	<p>Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study, a Master's degree (if Bachelor's degree is less than four years) with a minimum average of 4/5 or First Class/Division standing.</p> <p>NOTE: Admissions recommends the recognition of three-year degrees from India as U of L degree equivalents when: a) the degree is obtained from the University of Delhi or an institution that is accredited with the voluntary accreditation body NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council); b) the current NAAC grade for the institution is 'A'; and the student earned the degree with Second Division standing or higher.</p>
Recognition	<p>University Grants Commission (all univ.): http://www.ugc.ac.in/# (recognition)</p> <p>National Assessment and Accreditation Council (voluntary - ~200/700 univ.): http://web5.kar.nic.in/naacLanguage_of_Instruction_new/NAAC_accrreditlist_pdf.aspx</p> <p>Indian Institutes of Science Ed & Research (Ministry of Human Resource Development): http://mhrd.gov.in (search for IISER in the search window)</p> <p>National Board of Accreditation (technical institutions and programs): http://www.nbaind.org</p> <p>All India Council of Technical Education: www.aicte-india.org/einp.htm http://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/List_of_Aproved_Institutes_2015-2016.pdf</p>
Common Grade Scale	<p>NOTE: As a result of 2013 CBCS reforms, there is no definitive grading, GPA, or division system. The most common are the 7-point (with as many as 9 variations) and a 10-point scale with final awards (division) tied to the cumulative GPA. Grade scales need to be determined on an institution/program-by-institution/program basis.</p>
Credit System	<p>Marks-based. If four-year credential: Credit conversion factor = 120.0/maximum marks for credential</p> <p>Multiply the maximum marks for each subject in the study period(s) by the credit conversion factor.</p> <p>RUFA reforms instituted in 2013 have introduced credit-based system: 1 India = 1 U of L</p>
Academic Year	June to March/April
Typical Language of Instruction	English
English Language Proficiency	<p>Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English</p> <p>Effective Summer 2017: Required</p>
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts or annual statement of marks (including grade scale legend) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Provisional (Passing) certificates will be accepted when final certificates has not yet been issued. Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts/mark sheets certified by and sent directly from the issuing university Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	<p>NUFFIA: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-india.pdf</p> <p>NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/India.pdf</p> <p>IQAS: https://work.alberta.ca/immigration/republic-of-india.html</p>

Table 23: Indonesia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Sarjana Satu (S1) with a minimum average of 3/4			
Recognition	National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (BAN-PT) (under Ministry of Education): ban-pt.kemdiknas.go.id/			
Common Grade Scale	Number	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	4	Istimewa/baik sekali/ Outstanding/Very good	A	4.0
	3	Baik/Good	B	3.0
	2	Cukup/sedang/Satisfactory	C	2.0
	1	Kurang/lulus bersyarat/Barely Satisfactory	D	1.0
	0	Gagl/tidak lulus/Unsatisfactory	F	0.0
Credit System	1 Indonesia = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	September - June			
Typical Language of Instruction	Bahasa - Indonesian			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/indonesia.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-indonesia.pdf			

Table 24: Iran

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years (130-145 units) of study with a minimum average of 15/20		
Recognition	Ministry of Education: www.medu.ir (Farsi only); http://www.msrt.ir/en/Pages/Universities.aspx (English) Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology: www.msrt.ir Research Institutes: http://www.msrt.ir/en/Pages/Research-Institutes.aspx Science Technology Parks/Incubators: http://www.msrt.ir/en/Pages/ST-ParksIncubators.aspx		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	20	A+	4.0
	18-19	A	4.0
	17	A-	3.7
	16	B+	3.3
	15	B	3.0
	14	B-	2.7
	13	C+	2.3
	12	C	2.0
	11	D+	1.3
	10	D	1.0
	0 - 9	0.00 / F	0.00
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Iran = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	September to March; April to June/July (2 semesters)		
Typical Language of Instruction	Farsi (Persian)		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/iran.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-iran.pdf		

Table 25: Iraq

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 75.0% or higher.			
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Education: http://www.moheiraq.org (Arabic only)			
Common Grade Scale	Grade %	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	90 - 100	Excellent	A	4.0
	85 - 89	Very Good	A-	3.7
	80 - 84	Very Good	B+	3.3
	75 - 79	Good	B	3.0
	70 - 74	Good	B-	2.7
	64 - 69	Medium	C+	2.3
	60 - 63	Medium	C	2.0
	56 - 59	Pass	C-	1.7
	53 - 55	Pass	D+	1.3
	50 - 52	Pass	D	1.0
0 - 49	Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based			
Academic Year	Usually September to June. Some specialist institutions run from October to September			
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/iraq.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-iraq.pdf			

Table 26: Israel

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least three years of study with a minimum average of 80%
Recognition	Council for Higher Education: http://che.org.il/
Common Grade Scale	Grading systems can vary by institution and level. Refer to transcript.
Credit System	No standard – each institution used their own system
Academic Year	First semester: October – January Second semester: February – June May reference the Jewish calendar system: subtract 3760 or 3761 (for the first months of the year)
Typical Language of Instruction	Hebrew or Arabic
English Language Proficiency	Required
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-israel.pdf NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/israel.pdf

Table 27: Italy

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Laureate Diploma (Diploma Di Laurea) with a minimum average of 26/30
Recognition	Centro di Informazione sulla Mobilita e le Equivalenze Accademiche (CIMEA): http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=135
Common Grade Scale	May vary by institution and/or program. Refer to Diploma Supplement
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L
Academic Year	September to May
Typical Language of Instruction	Italian and in cases German (northern region)
English Language Proficiency	Required
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/italy.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-italy.pdf

Table 28: Jamaica

Master’s Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) degree with a minimum average of Second Class Honours, Upper Division standing		
Recognition	The University Council of Jamaica http://www.universitycouncilja.com/ Medical, Dental, Veterinary and other Health professions education in Jamaica – CAAM-HP http://www.caam-hp.org		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+	A+	4.0
	A	A	4.0
	A-	A-	3.7
	B+	B+	3.3
	B	B	3.0
	B-	B-	2.7
	C+	C+	2.3
	C	C	2.0
	C-	C-	1.7
	D+	D+	1.3
	D	D	1.0
F	F	0.0	
Credit System	1 credit = 1 U of L credit		
Academic Year	September – June		
Typical Language of Instruction	English		
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education complete in English.		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/jamaica.pdf		

Table 29: Japan

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of B+		
Recognition	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT): http://www.mext.go.jp/english/relatedsites/1303436.htm		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+	A+	4.0
	A	A	4.0
	A-	A-	3.7
	B+	B+	3.3
	B	B	3.0
	B-	B-	2.7
	C+	C+	2.3
	C	C	2.0
	C-	C-	1.7
	D+	D+	1.3
	D	D	1.0
F	F	0.0	
Credit System	Generally, 1 Japan = 1 U of L (1 credit = 15 hours of instruction/semester)		
Academic Year	Semesters: April to September; October to March Each semester consists of 15 weeks and there are three major vacation periods throughout these semesters		
Typical Language of Instruction	Japanese		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFFSA: https://www.naffsa.org/_File/_ges/japan.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-japan.pdf		

Table 30: Jordan

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 80% or Very Good		
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education: http://www.mohe.gov.jo/HomePage/tabid/36/language/en-US/Default.aspx		
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	90-100	A+	4.0
	80-89	A	4.0
	70-79	B	3.0
	60-69	C	2.0
	50-59	D	1.0
	0-49	F	0.0
Credit System			
Academic Year	September – January , February to June		
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic and English		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/jordan.pdf		

Table 31: Kazakhstan

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Diploma of Specialist with a minimum average of 4/5				
Recognition	Ministry of Education www.edu.gov.kz				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	5	Excellent	A	4.0	
	4	Good	B	3.0	
	3	Satisfactory	C	2.0	
	2	Unsatisfactory	F	0.0	
	-	Ungraded Pass	-		
	Grade	Percentage	Kazakh Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A	95-100	Excellent	A	4.0
	A-	90-94		A-	3.7
	B+	85-89	Good	B+	3.3
	B	80-84		B	3.0
	B-	75-79		B-	2.7
	C+	70-74	Satisfactory	C+	2.3
	C	65-69		C	2.0
	C-	60-64		C-	1.7
	D+	55-59		D+	1.3
	D	50-54		D	1.0
	F	0-49		Unsatisfactory	F
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit based: Pre-2010: 1 Kazakhstan = 1 U of L 2010-present: ECTS credits				
Academic Year	September to May/June (15 week semesters, 10 week trimesters, or 8 week quarter)				
Typical Language of Instruction	Kazakh or Russian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement are verified by Apostille through the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/kazakhstan.pdf				

Table 32: Kenya

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of 70% or Second Class Honours, Upper Division standing				
Recognition	Commission for University Education: http://www.cue.or.ke/services/accreditation Department of Science and Technology (Technical Institutions): http://www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke/index.php/rad-institutions/accredited-technical-institutions				
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	Class/Division	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	70-100	First Class	A	4.0	
	65-69	Second Class, Upper Division	B+	3.3	
	60-64	Second Class, Upper Division	B	3.0	
	55-59	Second Class, Lower Division	C+	2.3	
	50-54	Second Class, Lower Division	C	2.0	
	40-49	Third Class	D	1.0	
	<40	Fail	F	0	
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Unit = 1 Credit (UofL)				
Academic Year	October to July				
Typical Language of Instruction	English				
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education complete in English.				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/kenya.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-kenya.pdf				

Table 33: Korea (Republic of (South))

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of B+		
Recognition	Korean Council for University Education: http://english.kcue.or.kr/resources/resources_01_01.php Ministry of Education: http://english.mest.go.kr/web/1774/site/contents/en/en_0248.jsp		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+	A+	4.0
	A0	A	4.0
	A-	A-	3.7
	B+	B+	3.3
	B0	B	3.0
	B-	B-	2.7
	C+	C+	2.3
	C0	C	2.0
	C-	C-	1.7
	D+	D+	1.3
	D0	D	1.0
	D-	D	1.0
F	F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based: 3.5 credits = 3 U of L credits		
Academic Year	March – June, September - December		
Typical Language of Instruction	Korean		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Rep%20Korea.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-south-korea.pdf		

Table 34: Lebanon

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's, Licence, Diplome (d'Ingenieur, de Beaux Arts, or d'Architecture), or Maitrise, requiring four years of study with a minimum average of 15/20, or 3/4 (Bien)		
Recognition	Ministry of Education and Higher Education: http://www.higher-edu.gov.lb		
Common Grade Scale	Grade %	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	90 - 100	A	4.0
	87 - 89	A-	3.7
	83 - 86	B+	3.3
	80 - 82	B	3.0
	77 - 79	B-	2.7
	73 - 76	C+	2.3
	70 - 72	C	2.0
	66 - 69	D+	1.3
	60 - 65	D	1.0
0 - 60	F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	October to June		
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic, English, or French		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and Diploma Supplement • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/lebanon.pdf		

Table 35: Libya

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 80/100				
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research: http://highereducation.gov.ly/				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Grade %	Note	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A	85 - 100	From 3.33 to 4.00 Excellent	A	4.0
	B	75 - 84	From 2.67 to 3.33 Very good	B	3.0
	C	65 - 74	From 2.00 to less than 2.67 Good	C	2.0
	D	50 - 64	From 1.00 to less than 2.00 Acceptable	D	1.0
	F	0 - 49	Less than 1.00 Failure	F	0.0
Credit System					
Academic Year	September - June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic or English				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/libya.pdf				

Table 36: Lithuania

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bakalauro or Bachelors degree with a minimum 4 years of study.				
Recognition	Ministry of Education and Science: http://www.studyinlithuania.lt/en/institutions				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	10	Puikiai/Excellent	A+	4.0	
	9	Labai gerai/Very Good	A	4.0	
	8	Gerai/Good	B+	3.3	
	7	Vidutiniskai/Highly Satisfactory	B	3.0	
	6	Patenkinamai/Satisfactory	C+	2.3	
	5	Silpnai/Sufficient	C	2.0	
	4-1	Nepatenkinamai/Fail	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Lithuania = 0.75 U of L; 1 ECTS = 0.5 U of L				
Academic Year	September to May/June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Lithuanian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_ges/lithuania.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-lithuania.pdf				

Table 37: Mexico

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciado (licenciatura) or Titulo (Professional Title) with a minimum average of 8/10				
Recognition	COPAES: http://www.copaes.org.mx/FINAL/inicio.php (Spanish only)				
Common Grade Scale	Passing grade is 7/10 (grades are whole numbers)				
	Scale	Grade %	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	10	100	Excelente	A+	4.0
	9.0 – 9.9	90 – 99	Muy bien/Very Good	A	4.0
	8.0 – 8.9	80 – 89	Bein/Good	B	3.0
	7.0 – 7.9	70 – 79	Suficient/Sufficient	C	2.0
0 – 6.9	0 – 69	No acreditada/Failing	F	0.0	
Credit System	Generally, 2 Mexican credits = 1 U of L credit				
Academic Year	1 st semester: August to December 2 nd semester: January to May				
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (<i>Certificado de estudios /calificaciones</i>) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/mexico.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-mexico.pdf				

Table 38: Moldova

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Diploma de Doctor-Medic, Diploma de Inginer, Diploma de Licenta or Specialist Diploma requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of at least 8/10				
Recognition	National Council for Accreditation and Attestation: http://www.cnaa.acad.md/en/				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	10	Excelent/Excellent	A	4.0	
	9	Foarte Bun/Very Good	A-	3.7	
	8	Bine/Good	B+	3.3	
	7	Bine/Good	B	3.0	
	6	Satisfacator/Satisfactory	C+	2.3	
	5	Satisfacator/Satisfactory	C	2.0	
	1-4	Nesatisfacator/Not Satisfactory	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	September – December/January, January/February – June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Romanian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/moldova.pdf				

Table 39: Mongolia

Master’s Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study.				
Recognition	Mongolian National Council for Education Accreditation: http://www.accmon.mn/en/index.php				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	A	Excellent	A	4.0	
	B	Good	B	3.0	
	C	Pass	C	2.0	
	D	Deficient	D	1.0	
	F	Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Mongolian = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	September – December/January, February - June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Mongolian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts are verified by apostille through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia. • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: http://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/Mongolia.pdf				

Table 40: Morocco

Master’s Minimum Admission Requirements	Diplome (d'Architecte, d'Ingenieur d'Etat); Diplome Superieur (Business); Doctorat (Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy); Licence; or Maitrise requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 14/20				
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education and Research: http://www.enssup.gov.ma/index.php/enseignement-superieur/etablissements-de-formation				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	16 – 20	Très bien – Very good	A	4.0	
	15	Bien - Good	A-	3.7	
	14		B+	3.3	
	12 - 13	Assez Bien – Good Enough	B	3.0	
	11	Passable - Pass	C+	2.3	
	10		C	2.0	
	0 – 9	Ajourne - Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System	Hours-based: Between 300 – 480 hours per year				
Academic Year	September – June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic or French				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Relevé de notes</i>) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/morocco.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-morocco.pdf				

Table 41: Myanmar (Burma)

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least five years of study with a minimum average of at least 80/100
Recognition	Ministry of Education www.myanmar-education.edu.mm/
Standard Grade Scale	Varies by institution. Refer to transcript
Credit System	
Academic Year	September - August
Typical Language of Instruction	Burmese
English Language Proficiency	Required
Documents Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts/mark sheets • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts/mark sheets sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/myanmar.pdf

Table 42: Namibia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of at least 70/100					
Recognition	National Council for Higher Education: http://www.nche.org.na/institutions.php					
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	Percent	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	A	Distinction	80 - 100	A	4.0	
	B	Very Good	70 – 79	B	3.0	
	C	Good	60 – 69	C	2.0	
	D	Satisfactory	50 – 59	D	1.0	
	E	Fail	49 - 0	F	0.0	
Credit System						
Academic Year	First semester: February – May/June Second semester: July – October/November					
Typical Language of Instruction	English					
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/namibia.pdf					

Table 43: Netherlands, The

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	HBO or other university program of at least four years in length, with an average of at least 7/10			
Recognition	NVAO: http://nvaio.com/students			
Common Grade Scale	Scale	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	10	Outstanding	A+	4.0
	9	Very Good	A	4.0
	8	Good	A-	3.7
	7.5	Very Satisfactory	B+	3.3
	7	Very Satisfactory	B	3.0
	6.5	Satisfactory	C+	2.3
	6	Satisfactory	C	2.0
0.5	Fail	F	0.0	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS			
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	September - August			
Typical Language of Instruction	Dutch			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/netherlands.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-the-netherlands.pdf			

Table 44: Nepal

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of Division I standing					
Recognition	University Grants Commission: www.ugcnepal.edu.np/					
Common Grade Scale	Grade (33% Pass)	Grade (40% pass)	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	75%-100%	75%-100%	Distinction	A	4.0	
	60%-74%	60%-74%	1 st Division	A	4.0	
	45%-59%	45%-59%	2 nd Division	B	3.0	
	33%-44%	40%-44%	Pass	C	2.0	
	<33%	<40%	Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System	Varies by institution, usually marks-based or credit-based					
Academic Year	August/September to May					
Typical Language of Instruction	Nepali or English					
English Language Proficiency	Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (mark sheets) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark sheets certified by and sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/nepal.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-nepal.pdf					

Table 45: New Zealand

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of B+ or 70%			
Recognition	New Zealand Qualifications Authority: http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/nzqf/search/results.do			
Common Grade Scale	Description	Grade Equivalent	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	High First	A+	A	4.0
	Clear First	A	A	4.0
	Bare First	A-	A-	3.7
	High Second	B+	B+	3.3
	Clear Second	B	B	3.0
	Bare Second	B-	B-	2.7
	Sound Pass	C+	C+	2.3
	Pass	C	C	2.0
	Marginal Pass	C-	C-	1.7
	Marginal Fail	D+	F	0.0
	Clear Fail	D	F	0.0
Poor Fail	D-	F	0.0	
Credit System	4 New Zealand = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	Semester One – March – June Semester Two – July – November Summer School – January – February			
Typical Language of Instruction	English			
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education complete in English.			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/newzealand.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-new-zealand.pdf			

Table 46: Nigeria

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of 4/5 or Second Class Honours, Upper Division standing				
Recognition	National Universities Commission* (Federal, State, and Private Universities are listed separately; illegal institutions also listed): http://www.nuc.edu.ng National Board for Technical Education(: http://www.nbte.gov.ng/inst_01.html) Nursing and Midwifery: www.nmcnigeria.org National Commission for Colleges of Education* (NCCE): http://www.ncceonline.edu.ng/colleges.php *Operates under the MOE				
Common Grade Scale	Percent	Five-Point Scale	Class/Division	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	70 - 100	5 / A	First Class Honours	A	4.0
	60 - 69	4 / B	Second Class Honours, Upper	B+	3.3
	50 - 59	3 / C	Second Class Honours, Lower	B	3.0
	45 - 49	2 / D	Third Class Honours	C	2.0
	40 - 44	1 / E	Pass	D	1.0
	0 - 39	0 / F	Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	1 Nigeria = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	September/October to July or January to December				
Typical Language of Instruction	English				
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/nigeria.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-nigeria.pdf				

Table 47: Norway

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Pre 2002: Candidatus, Examen Oeconomiae, Handelsokonom, Sivilingenior, Sivilokonom, requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 2.5/6 on a reverse scale After 2002: Bachelor's degree requiring four years of study with a minimum average of B				
Recognition	Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education: www.nokut.no				
Common Grade Scale	Numerical	Letter Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	6	A	Excellent	A	4.0
	5	B+	Very Good	B+	3.3
	4	C	Good	B	3.0
	3	D	Fair	C	2.0
	2	E	Sufficient	D	1.0
	1	F	Fail	F	0.0
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	First semester: August – December Second Semester: January – June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Norwegian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/norway.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-norway.pdf				

Table 48: Pakistan

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) degree requiring at least four years of study, a Master's degree (if Bachelor's degree is less than four years) with a minimum average of 60% or First Division standing				
Recognition	Higher Education Commission (HEC): http://www.hec.gov.pk/OurInstitutes/Pages/Default.aspx				
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	Division	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	75-100	First	A	4.0	
	60-74	First	A-	3.7	
	57-59	Second	B+	3.3	
	55-56	Second	B	3.0	
	45-54	Second	B-	2.7	
	33-44	Third	C	2.0	
	<33*	Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Pakistan = 1 U of L.				
Academic Year	September to June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Urdu				
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual mark sheets/result cards • Copy of degree certificate (or provisional) if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark sheets certified by and sent directly from the Higher Education Commission • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAFA: http://www.nafsa.org/_File/_ges/Pakistan.pdf 				
Other Information	NAFA: https://www.nafsa.org/_File/_ges/pakistan.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-pakistan.pdf				

Table 49: Peru

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachiller, Licenciado, or Licenciatura, or Titulo in a professional field requiring at least five years of study with a minimum average of 14/20			
Recognition	Ministry of Education: www2.minedu.gob.pe/dcu/uni.htm SUNEDU: www.sunedu.gob.pe National registry of diplomas and degrees: www.sunedu.gob.pe/grados-y-titulos/nacionales (graduates must register degree before it can be verified) ESCALE (non-university PSIs): http://escale.minedu.gob.pe/inicio (Spanish-only, click on Escuelas)			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	15 - 20	Excelente (Excellent)	A	4.0
	14	Muy Bueno (Very Good)	A-	3.7
	13		B+	3.3
	12	Bueno (Good)	B	3.0
	11	Suficiente (Satisfactory)	C	2.0
	<11		F	0.0
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Peru = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	March to December			
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>certificado de estudios /calificaciones</i>) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/peru.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-peru.pdf			

Table 50: Philippines

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Master's degree with a minimum average of 2/5 on a reverse scale.			
Recognition	Commission on Higher Education: http://www.ched.gov.ph/index.php/higher-education-in-numbers/recognized-program/ TEDSA (Technical and Vocational Programs): http://www.tesda.gov.ph/tvi			
Common Grade Scale	Grade (Reverse 5-point)	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	1.0-1.5	Excellent	A	4.0
	1.75	Very Good	B+	3.3
	2.0	Very Good	B	3.0
	2.25-2.5	Good	B-	2.7
	2.75	Satisfactory	C+	2.3
	3.0	Satisfactory	C	2.0
	3.25-4.0	Conditional Failure or Conditional Pass*	D	1.0
	>4.0		F	0.0
	Grade (4-point)	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	4.0	Excellent	A	4.0
	3.5	Very Good	A-	3.7
	3.0	Good	B	3.0
	2.5	Above Average	B-	2.7
	2.0	Average	C	2.0
1.5	Below Average	D+	1.3	
1.0	Bare Pass/Poor	D	1.0	
<1.0	Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based. Varies by institution.			
Academic Year	June to March			
Typical Language of Instruction	English or Tagalog			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: transcripts for applicants who attended multiple institutions for one degree will be accepted from the last institution attended Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/philippines.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-philippines.pdf			

Table 51: Poland

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licencjat (licentiate), Inzynier or Magister with a minimum average of Dobry (Good) or 4/5					
Recognition	University Accreditation Commission: http://www.uka.amu.edu.pl/english.php Ministry of Science and Higher Education: http://www.nauka.gov.pl/en/higher-education-institutions/					
Common Grade Scale	Mark	Polish Descriptor	English Descriptor	ECTS Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	5	bardzo dobry (bdb)	Very good	A	A	4.0
	4+ or 4.5	Dobry plus (db+)	Good plus	B	B+	3.3
	4	Dobry (db)	Good	C	B	3.0
	3+ or 3.5	Dostateczny plus (dst+)	Satisfactory plus	D	C+	2.3
	3	Doctateczny (dst)	Satisfactory	E	C	2.0
	2	Niedostateczny (ndst)	Fail	F	F	0.0
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS					
Credit System	Credit-based: 2 ECTS = 1 U of L					
Academic Year	1 st semester: October to January 2 nd semester: February to June					
Typical Language of Instruction	Polish					
English Language Proficiency	Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>karta przebiegu studiów</i>) and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/poland.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-poland.pdf					

Table 52: Portugal

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Four-year Licenciado or Licenciatura with a minimum average of 15/20		
Recognition	Agência de Avaliação e Acreditação do Ensino Superior" (Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education: http://www.a3es.pt/ Go to Acreditacao e Auditoria (far right tab) then Resultados dos Processos de Acreditacao (left side) then click Acreditacao de Ciclos de Estudos then search for Instituicao		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	20	A+	4.0
	18-19	A	4.0
	17	A-	3.7
	16	B+	3.3
	15	B	3.0
	14	B-	2.7
	12-13	C+	2.3
	10-11	C	2.0
	<10	F	0.0
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS		
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	September to July		
Typical Language of Instruction	Portuguese		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/portugal.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-portugal.pdf		

Table 53: Russian Federation (Russia)

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Magistr, Bakalavr, or Diploma Specialist, requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 4/5			
Recognition	National Information Centre on Academic Recognition and Mobility (Ministry of Education and Science): http://www.russianenic.ru/english/cred/index.html			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Russian/Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	5	Отлично/ <i>Otlichno</i> /Excellent	A	4.0
	4	Хорошо/ <i>Khorosho</i> /Good	B	3.0
	3	Удовлетворительно/ <i>Udovletvoritel'no</i> Зачтено/ Satisfactory Passed	C	2.0
	-	Зачет/ <i>Zachet</i> /Offset	Pass*	
	<3	Неудовлетвори- тельно/ <i>Neudovletvoritel'no</i> /Unsatisfactory	F	0.0
	*Зачет/ <i>Zachet</i> typically represents a passing grade in a series of courses in the same subject. The grade of excellent, good, or satisfactory given for the last course in the series applies retroactively to all previous Зачет/ <i>Zachet</i> grades in that series (AACRAO). Translated as credit on Moscow Institute of Physics & Technology transcript.			
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS			
Credit System	Varies by institution; often hours-based			
Academic Year	September to June			
Typical Language of Instruction	Russian			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement certified by apostille through the authorized body of education of the Russian Federation in the region Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/russia.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-russian-federation.pdf			

Table 54: Rwanda

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's, Maitrise, or Diplome d'Ingenieur requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 75/100, or Grand Distinction standing			
Recognition	Higher Education Council: http://www.hec.gov.rw/			
Common Grade Scale	Percentage	Description/Translation	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	90-100	La Plus Grande Distinction/Highest Distinction	A	4.0
	80-89	Grande Distinction/ Highest Distinction	B+	3.3
	70-79	Distinction/Distinction	B-	2.7
	50-69	Satisfaction/Satisfactory	C	2.3
	0-49	Ajourne/Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	Credit-based. 4 Rwanda = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	Semester-based (15 weeks/semester): October to June			
Typical Language of Instruction	English (since 2009); also Kinyarwanda, Kiswahili, and French			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (<i>Relevé de notes</i>) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/rwanda.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-rwanda.pdf			

Table 55: Saudi Arabia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of Very Good					
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education: www.mohe.gov.sa/en/aboutus/Institutions/Pages/academic-accreditation.aspx or http://he.moe.gov.sa/en/studyinside/Government-Universities/Pages/default.aspx Vocational Training Cooperation (TVTC): www.tvtc.gov.sa/English/Pages/default.aspx Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCHS): www.scfhs.org.sa/en/CME-ADRP/Pages/default.aspx					
Common Grade Scale	4-point scale	Grade (5-point scale)	Percentage	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	3.6 – 4.0	4.75-5.0	90-100	Excellent	A	4.0
	3.5	4.5	85-89	Very Good	B+	3.3
	3.0	4.0	80-84	Very Good	B	3.0
	2.6	3.5	75-79	Good	C+	2.3
	2.0	3.0	70-74	Good	C	2.0
	1.6	2.5	65-69	Pass	D+	1.3
	1.0 – 1.5	2.0	60-64	Pass	D	1.0
	<1.0	<2.0	<60	Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	1 Saudi Arabia = 1 U of L					
Academic Year	September to June					
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic; English is used in some technological and science programs.					
English Language Proficiency	Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts issued in English by the institution attended Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/saudi%20arabia.pdf					

Table 56: Sierra Leone

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor Degree (Honours) with a minimum Second Class standing				
Recognition	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (no current website) Universities Act (2005): http://www.sierra-leone.org/Laws/2005-1p.pdf (contains list of constituent institutions of the two universities) As of 2013, three institutions have degree awarding authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Sierra Leone • Njala University Milton Margai College of Education and Technology (bachelor's degrees, teacher training and vocational programming to the HND level)				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Percentage	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	A	70-100%	A	4.0	
	B+	60-69%	B+	3.3	
	B	50-59%	B	3.0	
	C+	40-49%	C	2.0	
	D	35-39%	F	0.0	
	E	0-34%	F	0.0	
Credit System					
Academic Year	October to June				
Typical Language of Instruction	English				
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/sierra_leone.pdf				

Table 57: Singapore

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) degree with a minimum average of 4/5 or Class II, Division I standing				
Recognition	Ministry of Education, Higher Education Division/HED: http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/post-secondary/ Association of Private Schools and Colleges Singapore: http://www.apsc.org.sg/				
Common Grade Scale	5-Point Scale				
	Grade	SG Grade Points	Descriptor	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+, A	5.0	Very Good Pass	A	4.0
	A-	4.5		A-	3.7
	B+	4.0		B+	3.3
	B	3.5	Good Pass	B	3.0
	B-	3.0		B-	2.7
	C+	2.5		C+	2.3
	C	2.0	Pass	C	2.0
	D+	1.5		D+	1.3
	D	1.0	Conditional Pass	D	1
	F	0.0		F	0.0
	4-Point Scale				
	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	AD or Dist.	Distinction	A+	4.0	
	A	Excellent	A	4.0	
	B	Very Good	B+	3.3	
	C	Good	B	3.0	
	D	Pass	C	2.0	
	E	Compensation Pass	D	1.0	
	F	Fail	F	0	
	P	Ungraded Pass	P	-	
Credit System	Credit based: 1 Singapore:1 U of L				
Academic Year	July to April				
Typical Language of Instruction	English				
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/singapore.pdf				

Table 58: South Africa

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor Degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of Second Class, Division 1 standing			
Recognition	Department of Higher Education and Training: www.dhet.gov.za			
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	Classification	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	75-100	First Class	A	4.0
	70-74	Second Class, Division One	B+	3.3
	60-69	Second Class, Division Two	B	3.0
	50-59	Third Class	C	2.0
	UP	Unclassified Pass	D	1.0
	PA	Pass	Pass	
<50	Fail	F	0.0	
Credit System				
Academic Year	January to December (4 blocks of about 2.5 months each)			
Typical Language of Instruction	English or Afrikaans			
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/south%20africa.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-south-africa.pdf			

Table 59: Spain

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciado, Licenciatura or Professional title with a minimum average of 8/10			
Recognition	Ministry of Education, Culture, and Deporte: http://universidad.es/universidades			
Common Grade Scale	Scale	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	10	Matricula de Honor / Distinction with Honours	A+	4.0
	9 - 9.9	Sobresaliente / Distinction	A	4.0
	8-8.9	Excellent	A-	3.7
	7 - 7.9	Notable / Very Good	B+	3.3
	6 - 6.9	Bien / Good	B	3.0
	5.5 - 5.9	Aprobado or Suficiente / Satisfactory	B-	2.7
	5-5.4	Aprobado or Suficiente / Satisfactory	C	2.0
	0 - 4.9	Suspenseo or Insuficiente / Fail	F	0.0
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS			
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	October to April			
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Certificación Académica</i>) and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/spain.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-spain.pdf			

Table 60: Sri Lanka

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Special) degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 60% or Second Class (First Division) standing				
Recognition	University Grants Commission (UGC): http://www.ugc.ac.lk Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) (institution & program): www.tvec.gov.lk/English/index.htm (click on "Registered Programs": http://220.247.221.26/Insreg_Home/Insreg_Registration_Search.php)				
Common Grade Scale	Percent	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	70 - 100	A	A	4.0	
	55 - 69	B	B	3.0	
	40 - 54	C	C	2.0	
	30 - 39	D	D	1.0	
	<30	E	F	0.0	
Credit System	1 Sri Lanka = 1 U of L				
Academic Year	October to June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Sinhala, Tamil, or English				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts issued in English • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/sri%20lanka.pdf				

Table 61: Sweden

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Kandidatexamen, Magisterexamen, or professional first-level degree with a minimum average of Väl Godkänd			
Recognition	Swedish Higher Education Authority: http://english.uk-ambetet.se/highereducation/highereducationinstitutions.4.4149f55713bbd917563800011041.html Swedish Higher Education Act: http://www.uhr.se/sv/Information-in-English/Laws-and-regulations/The-Higher-Education-Ordinance/Annex-1/			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description/Translation	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	VG	Väl Godkänd/ Pass with Distinction	A	4.0
	G	Godkänd/Pass	C +	2.3
	U	Underkänd/Fail	F	0.0
	Grade	Description	Translation	U of L Equivalent
	5	Med beröm godkänd	Pass with Distinction	A
	4	Icke utan beröm godkänd	Pass with Credit	B
	3	Godkänd	Pass	C
	U	Underkänd	Fail	F
	Note: It is common for different grade scales to be used in different courses at the same institution.			
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS			
Credit System	Credit-based: ECTS (2 Sweden = 1 U of L)			
Academic Year	August to June			
Typical Language of Instruction	Swedish			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/sweden.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-sweden.pdf			

Table 62: Syria (Syrian Arab Republic)

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	al-Ijāza fi or Licence/Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 70%					
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education: www.mohe.gov.sy (Arabic only) Some technical institutes are authorized by other ministries, including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and the Arab Board for Medical Specialties.					
Common Grade Scale	Technical (Intermediate) Institute Grade (%)	Undergraduate Grade (%)	Graduate Grade (%)	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
		90-100	95-100	Honours	A+	4.0
	85-100	80-89	85-94	Excellent	A	4.0
	75-84	70-79	75-84	Very Good	A-	3.7
	65-74	60-69	65-74	Good	B	3.0
	50-64	50-59	60-64	Pass	C	2.0
	<50	<50	<60	Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	Course based					
Academic Year	September to June					
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic					
English Language Proficiency	Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: accommodations may be necessary due to the civil war Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/syria.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-syria.pdf					

Table 63: Tanzania

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) requiring at least four years of study or a Master's degree with a minimum average of Second Class, Upper/First Division standing					
Recognition	Tanzania Commission for Universities: http://www.tcu.go.tz/index.php/accreditation/register-of-universities					
Common Grade Scale	Letter Grade	Number Grade	Percentage	Classification	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A	5	70 – 100	First Class	A	4.0
	B+	4	60 -69	Upper Second Class	B+	3.3
	B	3	50 – 59	Lower Second Class	B	3.0
	C	2	40 – 49	Pass	C	2.0
	D	1	35 - 39	Minimal Pass	D	1.0
		0	0 - 34	Fail	F	0.0
Credit System						
Academic Year	September to July					
Typical Language of Instruction	Kishwahili or English					
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/tanzania.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-tanzania.pdf					

Table 64: Thailand

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of 3/4			
Recognition	Ministry of Education, Office of the Higher Education Commission: not currently accessible www.moe.go.th/moe.html			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A	Excellent	A	4.0
	B+	Very Good	B+	3.3
	B	Good	B	3.0
	C+	Fairly Good	C+	2.3
	C	Fair	C	2.0
	D+	Poor	D+	1.3
	D	Very Poor	D	1.0
F	Fail	0	F	
Other Grade Scales				
Credit System	Credit based: 1 Thai = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	June-March			
Typical Language of Instruction	Thai			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts issued in English by the institution attended • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/thailand.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-thailand.pdf			

Table 65: Tunisia

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licence, Diplome d'Ingenieur, or Maitrise requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 14/20			
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research, and Information and Communication Technologies: www.mes.tn/annuaire.php?code_menu=22			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description/Translation	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	16 - 20	Tres Bien/ Very Good	A	4.0
	15	Bien/Good	A-	3.7
	14	Bien/Good	B+	3.3
	12 - 13	Assez Bien/Moderately Well	B	3.0
	10 - 11	Passable/Passing	C	2.0
	0 - 9	Ajourné/Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	Credit-based			
Academic Year	October to June			
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic and French			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts (<i>Relevé de notes</i>) • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/ges/tunisia.pdf			

Table 66: Turkey

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's, <i>Lisans Diploması</i> or <i>Muhendis Diploması</i> with a minimum average of 3/4, 7.5/10, or 75/100 Note: Most Bologna-compliant degrees from research-intensive universities are acceptable as a basis for admission to master's programs
Recognition	Council of Higher Education (YOK): http://www.yok.gov.tr/web/guest/universitelerimiz *Search for university by Turkish name in box titled "Universite Ara"
Common Grade Scale	Refer to grade scale on transcript.
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS
Credit System	Credit-based: 2 ECTS = 1 U of L or 1 Turkish = 1 U of L
Academic Year	October to June
Typical Language of Instruction	Turkish
English Language Proficiency	Required
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/turkey.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-turkey.pdf

Table 67: Uganda

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of Class II Honours, Upper Division				
Recognition	Uganda National Council for HEd: http://www.unche.or.ug/institutions Min Ed and Sports: http://www.education.go.ug/data/smenu/13/Higher%20Education.html				
Common Grade Scale	Grade (%)	Letter Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	80 -100	A	A	4.0	
	75 – 79	B+	B+	3.3	
	70- 74	B	B	3.0	
	65 – 69	B-	B-	2.7	
	60 – 64	C+	C+	2.3	
	55 – 59	C	C	2.0	
	50 – 54	C-	C-	1.7	
	45 – 49	D+	D+	1.3	
	40 – 44	D	D	1.0	
	35 – 39	D-	D	1.0	
	Below 35	E	F	0.0	
Credit System					
Academic Year	October to July				
Typical Language of Instruction	English				
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/uganda.pdf				

Table 68: Ukraine

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bakalavr, Diploma Specialist or Magistr (pre-2005) requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of at least 4/5				
Recognition	Ministry of Education and Science: http://www.mon.gov.ua/ua//activity/education/ (Ukrainian) ENIC Ukraine (English): http://www.enic.in.ua/index.php/en/uipeng				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Percentage	Description/Translation	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	5	90-100	Vidminno/Excellent	A	4.0
	4.7	85-89		A-	3.7
	4.3	80-84		B+	3.3
	4	65-79	Dobre/Good	B	3.0
	3.7	60-64		B-	2.7
	3.3	55-59		C+	2.3
	3	50-54	Zadovil'no/Satisfactory	C	2.0
	1-2	0-49	Nezarakhovano/Unsatisfactory	F	0.0
	-		Zarakhovano/Pass	Pass	
Other Grade Scales	May use ECTS				
Credit System					
Academic Year	September to June				
Typical Language of Instruction	Ukrainian				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/ukraine.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/country-module-ukraine.pdf				

Table 69: United Arab Emirates

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 80%, B or 3/4		
Recognition	Ministry of Education Scientific Research (Public Institutions): http://www.mohe.gov.ae/En/HigherEducation/Pages/GovInstitutes.aspx Commission for Academic Accreditation (Private Institutions): http://www.caa.ae/caa/DesktopModules/InstPrograms.aspx (must confirm program)		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+	A	4.0
	A	A	4.0
	A-	A-	3.7
	B+	B+	3.3
	B	B	3.0
	B-	B-	2.7
	C+	C+	2.3
	C	C	2.0
	C-	C-	1.7
	D+	D+	1.3
	F	F	0.0
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 UAE = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	September to June		
Typical Language of Instruction	Arabic		
English Language Proficiency	Required		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts issued in English by the institution attended Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/ /File/ /ges/uae.pdf		

Table 70: United Kingdom

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of Second Class Honours, Upper Division standing
Recognition	Department for Business, Innovation & Skills: https://www.gov.uk/recognised-uk-degrees <i>Note: Only recognised bodies have the authority to award academic degrees. Listed bodies may provide programmes that have been validated by recognised bodies and therefore lead to recognized degrees.</i>
Common Grade Scale	There is wide variation in the grading scale used in programs and at institutions in the United Kingdom and each transcript is reviewed individually.
Credit System	Credit-based (ECTS): 2 ECTS = 1 U of L Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (CATS): 4 CATS = 1 U of L
Academic Year	October to June
Typical Language of Instruction	English
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education complete in English.
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement, if available • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts and diploma supplement sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/country-module-united-kingdom.pdf

Table 71: United States of America

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 3/4		
Recognition	US Department of Education: http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx (collects the accreditation status from the 8 regional accrediting bodies) Council for Higher Education Accreditation: http://www.chea.org/search/default.asp Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges: http://www.accjc.org/		
Common Grade Scale	Grade	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	A+	A	4.0
	A	A	4.0
	A-	A-	3.7
	B+	B+	3.3
	B	B	3.0
	B-	B-	2.7
	C+	C+	2.3
	C	C	2.0
	C-	C-	1.7
	D+	D+	1.3
	D	D	1.0
	D-	D	1.0
	F	F	0.0
Credit System	Credit-based: varies depending on semester or quarter system: Semester credits: 1 USA = 1 U of L Quarter credits: 1.5 USA = 1 U of L		
Academic Year	September to April		
Typical Language of Instruction	English		
English Language Proficiency	Recognized country. ELP not required if education complete in English.		
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 		
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 		
Other Information	NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-united-states.pdf		

Table 72: Venezuela

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Licenciatura/Licenciado with a minimum average of 14/20.			
Recognition	Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Educacion Universitaria Ciencia y Tecnologia: www.mppeuct.gob.ve/ministerio/ieu (Spanish only) National Council of Universities (CNU): http://loeu.opsu.gob.ve/vistas/instituciones/busquedaRegiones.php (Spanish only) Postgraduate programs: Consejo Consultativo Nacional de Postgrado (Spanish only): http://www.ccnpg.gob.ve/instituciones.asp <u>Note: specific program must be recognized</u>			
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points
	18-20	Excelente (Very good)	A+	4.0
	16-17		A	4.0
	15	Bien (Good)	B+	3.3
	14		B	3.0
	13		B-	2.7
	12	Regular/Suficiente (Average/Sufficient)	C+	2.3
	10-11		C	2.0
	0-9	Aplazado/Fail	F	0.0
Credit System	Credit based: 1 Venezuela = 1 U of L			
Academic Year	September to June			
Typical Language of Instruction	Spanish			
English Language Proficiency	Required			
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts (<i>Certificado de Notas/Calificaciones</i>) Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 			
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 			
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/_/File/_/ges/venezuela.pdf			

Table 73: Vietnam

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bang Tot Nghiep Dai Hoc / Bang Cu Nhan requiring at least four years of study with a minimum average of 7/10				
Recognition	Ministry of Education and Training (universities): http://www.moet.gov.vn (Vietnamese) Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social (junior colleges): http://english.molisa.gov.vn NUFFIC has a list of recognized HEI's: https://www.nuffic.nl/en/library/country-module-vietnam.pdf				
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description/Translation	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	9-10	Xuat Sac/Excellent	A	4.0	
	8	Gioi	B+	3.3	
	7	Kha/Good	B	3.0	
	6	KhaTrung binh kha/Fairly Good	C+	2.3	
	5	Trung Binh/Fair	C	2.0	
	0 – 4*	Kem/Poor (Failing)	F	0.0	
	*A grade of '4' may be a condoned pass and, in these cases, is treated as a 'D' at the U of L.				
Credit System	Credit-based: 1 Vietnamese = 1 U of L 1 credit = 15 hours				
Academic Year	September to May/June (2 semesters)				
Typical Language of Instruction	Vietnamese				
English Language Proficiency	Required				
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript • Certified English translations for all documents not issued in English or French 				
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 				
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/vietnam.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-vietnam.pdf				

Table 74: Zimbabwe

Master's Minimum Admission Requirements	Bachelor's (Honours) degree with a minimum average of 70% or Second Class Honours, Upper Division standing					
Recognition	Ministry of Higher Education and Technology: http://www.mhtestd.gov.zw/index.php/institutions					
Common Grade Scale	Grade	Description	Scale	U of L Equivalent	U of L Grade Points	
	80-100	First Class	1	A	4.0	
	70-79	Second Class Honours, Upper	2.1	B+	3.3	
	60-69	Second Class Honours, Lower	2.2	B-	2.7	
	50-59	Third Class Honours	F3	C	2.0	
	0-49	Fail		F	0.0	
Credit System	Credit-based: 4 Zimbabwe Units = 1 UofL credit					
Academic Year	August to June					
Typical Language of Instruction	English					
English Language Proficiency	Until Spring 2017: Recognized country, if language of instruction was English Effective Summer 2017: Required					
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts • Copy of degree certificate if degree conferral is not indicated on transcript 					
How Documents Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution • Degree certificate and translations submitted by applicant 					
Other Information	NAFSA: https://www.nafsa.org/File/_ges/zimbabwe.pdf NUFFIC: https://www.epnuffic.nl/en/publications/find-a-publication/education-system-zimbabwe.pdf					