

Spain

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Educacion secundaria obligatoria (ESO) 3, 3 (ESO), tercer curso</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish, Catalan
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 4 + 2 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, four years lower secondary, two years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller Unificado y Polivalente (BUP)* [Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

2. *Curso de Universitaria (COU)* [University Orientation Course]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

3. *Titulo de Tecnico Especialista* [Title/Diploma of Specialized Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

4. *Perito Mercantil* [Commercial Secondary School Graduate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

5. *Titulo de Maestro* [Title/Diploma of Teacher]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Titulo de Graduado en Educacion Secundaria* [Title/Diploma of Graduate in Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Bachillerato de Grado Superior* [Secondary School Diploma: 10th grade]

Expected Timeline of Completion	10 years (two years or four semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Titulo de Tecnico Superior* [Title/Diploma of Secondary School Technician]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	High school/Upper secondary school

This credential will still be honored as acceptable proof of graduation if a student enrolled in the two-year program on or prior to **May 31, 2027**.

CREDITING POLICIES:

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year	Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
8 or more	1.0	4	0.34
6	0.5	2	0.25

GRADING SCALES

When both numeric and descriptive grades are present for a course, and the numeric grade matches the grading scale below, use the numeric grade.

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
8.5-10	A	4
7.0-8.4	B	3
6.0-6.9	B	3
5.0-5.9	C	2
0-4.9	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
<i>Sobresaliente</i>	Outstanding	A	4
<i>Notable</i>	Notable	B	3
<i>Bien</i>	Good	B	3
<i>Suficiente</i>	Sufficient	C	2
<i>Insuficiente</i>	Insufficient	F	0

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
<i>Assoliment Excellent (AE)</i>	Excellent Achievement	A	4
<i>Assoliment Notable (AN)</i>	Notable Achievement	B	3
<i>Assoliment Satisfactori</i>	Satisfactory Achievement	C	2
<i>No Assoliment (NA)</i>	No Achievement	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. (Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
<i>ESO 3</i>	09
<i>ESO 4</i>	10

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
<i>Bachillerato 1</i>	11
<i>Bachillerato 2</i>	12

- » Final grades for years nine through 12 will be listed under “ordinary” or “extraordinary” columns. Extraordinary would be considered a retake of the ordinary grade and would be treated as duplicative.
- » The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

<i>English/Native Language</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Additional Courses</i>
	Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	Scientific Culture	Philosophy and Citizenship	
	Mathematics for Academic Teaching			

- » The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - ° Business Economics.
 - ° Research Project.
 - ° Teaching English.
- » [Click here](#) for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)