

France

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Troisième année, 3ème</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	French
Graduation Timeline	
5 + 4 + 3 = 12 or 5 + 4 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre* [Diploma of Bachelor of 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. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Diploma of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Diplome du Baccalaureat General* [Diploma of General Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de Technicien/Diplome de Baccalaureat Technologique* [Diploma of Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Diplome de Baccalaureat Professionnel* [Diploma of Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. *Brevet de Technicien* [Technician's Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. *Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires* [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Brevet des Colleges* [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Certificat de Formation Generale* (CFG) [Certificate of General Instruction]

3. *Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle* (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competence]

4. *Brevet de d'Etudes Professionnelle* [Certificate of Professional Studies]

CREDITING POLICIES

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

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
16-20	A	4
14-15.99	A	4
12-13.99	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
10-11.99	C	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

***Note: Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade “D”) only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Très Bien	Very Good	A	4
Bien	Good	A	4
Assez Bien	Quite Good	B	3
Passable	Satisfactory	C	2
Ajourné	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» If a transcript shows a column titled “student” or “pupil” with grades listed below it, consider this as the acceptable reported column of grades for that term.

° 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.).

Native Language	School Year
Troisième (3ème)	09
Deuxième/Seconde (2ème/2nde)	10

Native Language	School Year
Première (1er/1ere)	11
Terminale (Ter)	12



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

<i>English</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Additional Courses</i>
		Scientific Education (Year 11 or 12)		
		SVT		

» [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.](#)

