

Ghana

Background

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

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (SSSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. West Africa Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	West Africa Examinations Council
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	June/July

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. Auxiliary Grade Nurses Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. Certificate B (Teacher Education)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Common Entrance Examination

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Middle School Leaving Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Nurses and Midwives Certificate

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. Basic Education Certificate of junior secondary school

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

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5-6	C	2
7-8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

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A	A	4
B	B	3
C		
D		

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
E	C	2
F	D	1
F	F (Failure)	0

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Excellent	A	4
Very Good	A	4
Good	B	3
Credit	B	3

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Credit	C	2
Pass	D	1
Fail	F (Failure)	0

WAEC SSCE Scales

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	A	4
3	B	3
4	B	3
5	C	2

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
6	C	2
7	D	1
8	D	1
9	F (Failure)	0

WAEC Scales

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
A1	A	4
B2	A	4
B3	B	3
C4	B	3

Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
C5	C	2
C6	C	2
D7	D	1
E8	D	1

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » The academic school years in Ghana appear on the transcript as follows:
 - JSS = Junior Secondary School.
 - SSS = Senior Secondary School.
 - Native terms for years seven through 13 are as follows:

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
JSS 1	07
JSS 2	08
JSS 3	09

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>School Year</i>
SSS 1	10
SSS 2	11
SSS 3	12

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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

