



GRADUATE STUDIES

INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATION GUIDELINES

The following information is intended as a **GUIDELINE ONLY** and is to be used as a reference for admission purposes only. Graduate Program Services (GPS) evaluations will be considered as the acceptable evaluation in cases of discrepancy. When referencing this guide please note carefully the following:

- This guide has been compiled using a variety of sources and is by no means complete.
- Additional grading systems may exist in any country.
- Transcript legends should be used when possible.
- Course contents will be compared and considered within the context of the level of study.
- For admission to a Master's program, the qualifications listed are normally recognized as equivalent to a University of Guelph 4-year Honours Bachelor's degree.
- The minimum requirement for admission of 70% grade average is calculated on the last 2 years of full-time equivalent study, when possible. (For Canadian degrees, we interpret this as the last 20 semester courses, however we do not split a semester and we will not consider any less than 16 courses. For all other degrees where the last 20 courses are not defined, we determine the last 2 years or 4 semesters of study.)
- Departments/Schools may have higher requirements and/or may require additional documentation (e.g. Portfolio, sample of written work, etc.).
- Transcripts and letters of recommendation will be verified for authenticity.
- Normally, only students who are graduates of accredited or other wise approved universities are eligible for admission to Graduate Studies. Students may be required to provide us with documentation to support the accreditation of the institution.
- Applications are evaluated on information provided with your transcripts from previous institutions attended. Applicants are free to request a re-evaluation which may be made to the Dean of Graduate Studies in writing. The letter should include the reasons for re-evaluation and appropriate documentation in support of the request.
- If you have a transcript from a country not listed below, please contact Graduate Program Services for assistance.

An asterisk (*) indicates countries where a majority of institutions' first language may not be English.

Courses at the University of Guelph are completed in approximately 12 weeks and oral examinations are a part of most graduate programs. Students therefore must be proficient in the use of English, both written and oral, when they begin their studies at Guelph. The university requires that certification of such proficiency be provided by applicants whose first language is not English. (For additional English language information please review the Graduate Calendar at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/calendar/genreg/genreg-admit-app.shtml>)

Country of Academic Institution Attended	Minimum Equivalent Qualification (for admission to a Master's program)	Grading Scale and Minimum Academic Standing
ALBANIA *	Professional Title	10 point scale 8/10 required
ALGERIA *	Licence (4 year), Diplome	20 point scale 13-14/20 required
ARGENTINA *	Licenciado, Licenciatura, Professional Title, Titulo	10 point scale 7.5/10 required
AUSTRALIA	Honours Bachelor's degree requiring 4 years of study	Second Class Honours Upper or H2A or Second Class First Division or 2I or H2I or overall grade of Distinction
AUSTRIA *	Diplom-Ingenieur, Magister, Diplomstudium (5.0 reversed scale means 1.0 = A)	5 point scale (reversed) 2.0/5.0 or Gut/Good required
BANGLADESH *	4 or 5 year Technical degree – e.g. B.Eng, B.Sc(Eng),B.Tech, B.Arch, B.Pharm, MBBS. All others - Bachelor's and Master's required	First Class/First Division 60% minimum
BELGIUM *	Licencie/Licence/Licenciaat, Professional Title requiring 4 years of study e.g. Ingenieur, Architecte	20 point scale 14/20, 80% or Avec distinction
BOLIVIA *	Licenciatura/Licenciado, Professional Title requiring 4 years of study e.g. Ingeneiro	7 point scale or 100% 5.0/7 or 75% required

BRAZIL *	Bacharelado, Licenciado, Professional Title e.g. Engenheiro	10 point scale 7.5/10 required
BULGARIA *	Diploma za Zavarsheno Visshe Obrazovanie	6 point scale 5.0/6 (4.5 may be acceptable)
CAMEROON* REPUBLIC	Licence/Bachelor/Maitrise	20 point scale 14.0/20
CHILE *	Licenciatura, Professional Title with 4 years of study	7 point scale or Alpha - % 5.0/7 or B – 70% minimum
CHINA, PRC *	Bachelor's Degree – 4 years of study	100% or Alpha scale 70% (Canadian scale) or B- 80% (Chinese scale)
COLOMBIA *	Licenciado or Professional Title with 4 years of study	5 point scale 3.5/5 required
CONGO	Maitrise	20 point scale 14.0/20
COSTA RICA*	Bachiller/Bachillerato or Universitario/Licenciado (Must be 4 years of full-time equivalent study)	10 point scale 7.5/10
CROATIA *	Diplom, Diploma with 4 years of study – see Yugoslavia for older credentials.	10 point scale or 5 point scale 7.0/10 or 3.0/5 required
CUBA *	Licenciado, Titulo	100% or 5 point scale 80% or 4.0/5 required
CZECH REPUBLIC *	Diplom, Professional Title e.g. Kandidat ved, Inzenyr (Engineering)	Own grading system Velmidobre or Good (B)
DENMARK *	Candidatus Philosophiae (CandPhil), B.A. or B.Sc.	13 point scale 9.0/13 required
ECUADOR *	Licenciado, Ingeniero	10 point scale or 100% 7.5/10 or 75% required
EGYPT *	Bachelor's degree – 4 year (<i>students educated at the American University in Cairo are exempt from the Language requirement</i>).	100% or own scale or 4 point 75% or Very Good or 2.7/4
ETHIOPIA *	4 or 5 year Technical degrees accepted. Others may need upgrading.	4 point scale or 100% 3.5/4 or 85% required
FINLAND *	Kandidaatti/Kandidat	10 point scale or 5 point scale 7.0/10 or 3.5/5.0(cum laude approx.)
FRANCE *	Licence, Maitrise, Diplomes des Grandes Ecoles, Diplome d'Ingenieur	20 point scale 12.0/20 (Assez bien)
GERMANY *	Diplom, Magister Artium, Staatsexamen/Staatsprufung (Vordiplom is not acceptable) (<i>5.0 reversed scale means 1.0 = A</i>)	5 point scale (reversed) 2.49/5.0 (Gut)
GHANA	Bachelor's degree (3 year o.k. if with major)	Class Standings 2 nd Class upper or Div 2-I
GREECE *	Ptychion or Diploma	10 point scale 7.0/10.0 required
GUATEMALA *	Licenciado/Licenciatura or Titulo – 4 years of study minimum	100% scale 80% required
GUYANA	Bachelor's degree (degree conferred with "Pass" only are not considered Honours equivalent degrees)	Pass with Distinction
HAITI *	Licence, Professional Title, Diplome d'Etudes Superieures	10 point scale or 100% 8.0/10 or 80%
HONG KONG *	Honours Bachelor's degree – 4 years of study minimum	Class Standings 2 nd Class Upper Division
HONDURAS*	Licenciado, Professional Title	5 point scale or 100% 3.70 or 75%
HUNGARY *	Diploma or Professional Title	5 point scale 3.7/5.0
ICELAND *	Cand.Mag., Cand. Juris., Cand. Med., Verkfraedingur (Engineering) and Bachelors degrees	10 point scale 7.0/10
INDIA *	4 or 5 year Technical degree – e.g. B.Eng, B.Sc(Eng),B.Tech, B.Arch, B.Pharm, MBBS. All others - Bachelor's and Master's required (Important Note: many grading scales differ from those listed. Not all 10 point scales are the same. Please check with GPS).	Class Standing or 10 point scale 1 st class (60%) or 7.0/10 If 7.0 is not First Class, checkwith GPS.
INDONESIA *	Sarjana Insinyur, Dokter Medikal, dokter Gigi (Sarjana Mudi not acceptable.)	10 point scale or 4 point scale 7.0/10 or 2.7/4.0 (2 nd class up)
IRAN *	Honours Bachelor's degree – 4 years of study minimum	20 point scale or 4 point Alpha 14/20 or 2.7/4.0

IRAQ *	Bachelor's degree – 4 years of study minimum	100% scale 80% required
IRELAND	Honours Bachelor's degree	Class Standings 2 nd Class upper division
ISRAEL *	Honours Bachelor's degree	100% scale 75% (Good)
ITALY *	Diploma di Laurea	30 point scale 25/30
JAPAN *	Bachelor's degree – 4 year (Gakushi Shogo)	100% scale or 4 point scale 80% or 2.7/4.0
JORDAN *	Bachelor's degree	100% scale or 4 point scale 80% or 2.7/4.0 (Very Good)
KAZAKHSTAN *	Diplom ob Okanchanii Vysshogo Uchebnogo Zareedeniia (Specialist Diploma)	5 point scale 4.0/5 overall standing Good.
KENYA	Bachelor's degree	Class Standing 2 nd class upper
KOREA (South) *	Bachelor's degree	4 point scale, 100%, class stand. 2.7/4.0 or 80% or First Class
KUWAIT *	Bachelor's degree	4 point scale, 100% 2.7/4.0 or 80%
LEBANON *	Bachelor's degree, Licence	100% scale or 20 point scale 80% or 15/20
LIBYA *	Bachelor's degree (Own grading = Excellent, Very Good, Good, Pass)	100% scale or own grading 75% or Very Good
MALAYSIA *	Bachelor's degree	4 point scale, class standing 2.7/4.0, 2 nd class upper
MEXICO *	Licenciatura/Licenciado, Professional Title (Ingeniero)	10 point scale 7.5/10 (Bien or Good standing)
MOROCCO *	Licence, Magister	20 point scale 14/20 (Bien or Good)
NEPAL *	Bachelor's and Master's degree required for admission Master's level of study.	First Class or First Division 60% = 1 st class
NETHERLANDS *	Doctoraal/Doctorandus (Drs.), Ingenieur (Ir.), Meester (Mr.)	10 point scale 7.0/10
NEW ZEALAND	Bachelor's degree 4 year	Class Standing 2 nd class up(B), 2 nd class low(B-)
NICARAGUA *	Licencia/Licencitura or Professional Title	100% scale 80% required
NIGERIA	Bachelor's degree (honours)	Class standing 2 nd class upper
NORWAY *	Candidatus Magisterii (5.0 reversed scale means 1.0 = A)	5 point scale (reversed) 2.50/5.0 (Laudabilis)
PAKISTAN *	4 or 5 year Technical degree – e.g. B.Eng, B.Sc(Eng),B.Tech, B.Arch, B.Pharm, MBBS. All others - Bachelor's and Master's required	First Class or First Division 60%= 1 st class
PANAMA *	Licenciado or Professional Title	100% scale 80% required
PERU *	Licenciatura or Professional Title	20 point scale 14/20 required
PHILIPPINES	Bachelor's degree (4 year) (5.0 reversed scale means 1.0 = A)	5.0 Reversed scale 2.49/5.0 (1.0 = A)
POLAND *	Magister, Magisterium Lekarz	6 point scale 4.0/6.0 (Dobry)
PORTUGAL *	Licenciatura or Professional Title	20 point scale 14/20
ROMANIA *	Diploma de Licentat, Diploma de Inginer, Diploma de Doctor, Diploma de Architect	10 point scale 7.5/10
RUSSIAN FEDERATION *	Diploma of Specialist (also applies to students educated in the former U.S.S.R.)	5 point scale 4.0/5.0
SAUDI ARABIA *	Bachelor's degree	100%, 4.0 or own scale 80%, 3.0 or Very Good
SIERRA LEONE *	Bachelor's degree	Class Standing 2 nd Class Upper

SINGAPORE *	Honours Bachelor's degree – 4 year	Class Standing 2 nd Class Upper or Class II Div I
SOMALIA *	Laurea or Bachelor's (4 year) <i>(Suggest Caution –degree considered between A levels and Bachelors degree.)</i>	30 point scale 25/30 required
SOUTH AFRICA	Honours Bachelor's degree (4 year)	Class Standing 2 nd Class Upper
SPAIN *	Licenciado/Licenciatura, Ingeniero, Arquitecto	10 point scale 7.0/10 required (Notable)
SRI LANKA *	Special Bachelor's degree (4 year) <i>(note: 1st class with 'A' grades in ½ of papers or 2nd class upper with 'A' or 'B' grades in ½ of papers.)</i>	Class Standing 1 st class or 2 nd class upper (See note)
SUDAN *	Honours Bachelor's degree	4 point scale or own scale 2.7/4.0 or Very Good (B)
SWEDEN *	Filosofie Kandidatexamen (Fil.Kand. or FK) (120 points required with at least 60 in major subject)	Class standing High Pass with Distinction
SWITZERLAND *	Lizentiat/Licence, Diploma/Diplome, Diplome d'Ingenieur, Diplome d'Architecte, Maitre de Dessin	6 or 10 point scales or 5 reversed 5/6.0, 7/10.0 or 2/5.0
SYRIA *	Licence (probably 5 years of study)	100% scale 70%(Jayed Jeddar/Very Good)
TAIWAN *	Bachelors degree (4 year)	100% scale 80% (Very Good)
TANZANIA	Bachelor's degree	Class Standing 2 nd Class Upper
THAILAND *	Bachelor's degree	4 point scale or Class Standing 3.0/4.0 or 2 nd Class Upper
TUNISIA *	Licence, Maitrise, Diplome d'Ingenieur	20 point scale 14.0/20
TURKEY *	Lisans Diplomasi, Yuksek Lisans Diplomasi	4 or 10 point scale or 100% scale 3.0/4 or 7.0/10 or 70%
UGANDA	Bachelor's degree	Class Standing or 100% scale 2 nd class upper or 70% (B)
UNITED KINGDOM	Bachelor's degree 3 or 4 year. (Scotland may have 1 st degree Masters)	Class Standing or 100% scale 2 nd Class Upper or 60%
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA (USA)	Bachelor's degree 4 year (minimum hours is 126 for honours)	4 Point Scale 2.7/4.0
URUGUAY *	Licenciado or Professional Title	6 Point Scale 4.0/6.0 (Bueno)
UZBEKISTAN*	Baklavr	5 point scale 4.0/5.0
VENEZUALA *	Licenciado or Professional Title	20 point scale or 9 point scale 14.0/20 or 7.5/9.0
WEST INDIES	Bachelor's degree Honours	Class Standing 2 nd Class Upper
YUGOSLAVIA* (former republics of:	Visoko Obrazovanja Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia)	10 point scale or 5 point scale 7.0/10 or 3.0/5.0
ZAMBIA	Bachelor's degree	Own Scale Meritorious
ZIMBABWE	Bachelor's degree	Class Standing 2 nd Class Upper