

## Costa Rica

### Educational Timeline

- School year: March-November/December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary School lasts six years, followed by four or five years of Secondary Education divided into lower secondary which lasts two years, and upper secondary which lasts either two years (academic) or three years (vocational)

### Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

<i>Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Diversificado</i>	Completion Diploma of Diversified Education
<i>Título de Bachiller en la Enseñanza Media</i>	Title of Bachiller in Secondary Education
<i>Bachiller/Bachillerato en...</i>	Secondary School Diploma in...
<i>Título de Tecnico Medio</i>	Title of Mid-Level Technician

- All documents must be accompanied by *Certificación de Notas* for two or three years of upper secondary school issued by the Ministry of Education (*Ministerio de Educación*)

### Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

<i>Diploma/Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios Primarios</i>	Completion Certificate of Primary Education
<i>Certificado de Conclusión de Educación General Básica</i>	Completion Certificate of General Basic Education

### GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed under the *promedio* column from the "Group A" documents listed above. If the *promedio* is not provided then average the totals for each course's *periodo* and proceed with converting line-by-line all course grades. Each grade is weighted equally. Convert to U.S. equivalents and then to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of credits attempted.

### Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
9-10 (90-100)	A	4
8-8.9 (80-89)	B	3
7-7.9 (70-79)	C	2 lowest passing grade
0-6.9 (0-69)	F	0

### Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in his/her secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs (e.g. *Bachillerato en Ciencias*) must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program.

## Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

<i>Privado/Público Universidad</i>	Private/Public University
<i>Educación Superior</i>	Higher education
<i>Instituto Tecnológico</i>	Technological Institute

### University Credentials Not Comparable to US Bachelor's Degrees (do not exhaust eligibility):

Any University Title/Diploma	If three year program—comparable to three years of university study
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### University Credentials Comparable to US Bachelor's Degrees (exhaust eligibility):

<i>Bachiller Universitario/Licenciado</i>	University Diploma or License
<i>Título de Licenciado en...</i>	Title of Liscence in...
<i>Grado Académico de/ Título de Bachiller Universitario</i>	Academic Degree of/Title of University Bachelor

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