

Belgium

Educational Timeline

- School year: September-June; Graduation occurs in June
- Oversight of education in Belgium is divided into three branches; Dutch-speaking, French-speaking and German-speaking. There are commonalities amongst all three but the responsibility for education in each branch is governed by the corresponding community (Flemish Community, French Community and German Community).
- In each Community, Primary School is six years followed by Secondary Education of six years. Secondary Education is subdivided differently depending on the Community: German structure is divided by Lower Secondary (two years) followed by Upper Secondary (two, two-year cycles), French structure is divided by Type I and Type II Secondary Education, whereby Type I is divided into three, two-year cycles. Type II education is divided into two, three-year cycles called Lower Cycle and Upper Cycle. The Flemish Community structure divides secondary school into three, two-year cycles. Learners have secondary education tracks to choose from: General (ASO), Artistic (KSO), Vocational (BSO) and Technical (TSO). Each level or cycle of education is evaluated by the passing of or awarding of exit exams, diplomas or credentials. In the Technical and Vocational pathways a student may complete a 7th year of secondary school or complete an additional year (in year 5) in the midst of secondary education, both expending high school completion by one year.

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>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS)</i>	Certificate of Higher Secondary Education
<i>Getuigschrift van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs</i>	Certificate of Higher Secondary Education
<i>Diplôme d'Enseignement Technique Secondaire Supérieur</i>	Higher Secondary Technical Education
<i>Diploma Hoger Secundaires Technisch Onderwijs</i>	Higher Secondary Technical Education Diploma
<i>Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs</i>	Diploma of Secondary Education (Flemish System)
<i>Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts*</i>	Leaving Certificate of Higher Level Secondary Instruction
*Previously <i>Getuigschrift van Hoger Secundaire Onderwijs</i>	Certificate of higher Secondary Education

-All documents must be accompanied by final marks/exam marks and/or transcripts for each year of upper secondary education

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

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

<i>Certificat d'Etudes de Base (CEB)</i>	Certificate of Primary Education
<i>Getuigschrift van Lager Onderwijs</i>	Certificate of Primary Education
<i>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur</i>	Certificate of Lower Secondary Education
<i>Getuigschrift van Lager Secundair Onderwijs</i>	Certificate of Lower Secondary Education
<i>Certificat d'Enseignement du Deuxième Degré</i>	Certificate of Second-Level Secondary Education

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on “Group A” documents above and any corresponding transcripts or corresponding exam marks directly to its US equivalent and convert to quality points using the scale below.

Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

Description	Translation	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
<i>Plus grande distinction/Grootste onderscheiding</i>	Greatest Distinction	18.0 - 20.0	A+	4
<i>Grande Distinction / Grote onderscheiding</i>	Great Distinction	16.0 - 17.99	A	4
<i>Distinction / Onderscheiding</i>	Distinction	14.0 - 15.99	B	3
<i>Satisfaction / Voldoening</i>	Satisfactory	10.0 - 13.99	C	2
<i>Ajourné</i>	Failing	0 - 9.9	D or F*	1 or 0

Note: A grade of 8-9.9 is considered a conditional pass (US grade of D) if the overall year grade is a pass

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).

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>Université</i>	University
<i>Faculté universitaire</i>	University Faculty
<i>Faculté polytechnique</i>	Polytechnic Faculty
<i>Haut Ecole</i>	Higher School
<i>Institut Supérieur d'Architecture</i>	Higher Institute of Architecture
<i>Ecole supérieure des Arts</i>	Higher Art School
<i>Universiteit</i>	University
<i>Hogeschool</i>	University College

Any institution listed in the *Hogeronderwijsregister*, or Higher Education Register, as a recognized or registered institution by the Flemish government entitled to offer accredited programs.

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

<i>Candidat(ure)</i>	Candidate – comparable to two to three years of university study
<i>Kandidaat(uur)</i>	Candidate – comparable to two to three years of university study
<i>Gradué(e)</i>	Graduate – comparable to three to four years of university study
<i>Gegradueerde</i>	Graduate – comparable to three to four years of university study

University Credentials Comparable to US Bachelor's Degrees (exhaust eligibility):

<i>Licence</i>	Licentiate – comparable to US Bachelor's Degree
<i>Licentiaat</i>	Licentiate – comparable to US Bachelor's Degree
<i>Ingénieur</i>	Engineer – comparable to US Bachelor's Degree
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