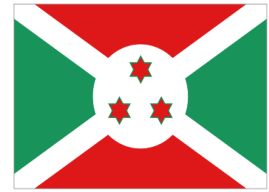




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Burundi



Overview

Native Language: Kirundi, French, and Swahili
Language of instruction: French
Academic Year: September to June on a trimester system
TOEFL: PBT offered every 4 months in Bujumbura

Education Structure: 6 + 4 + 3 + 4

Primary education is compulsory and free since 2005.
The educational structure is modeled on Belgium's French community.

Primary Education Summary

6 years, ages 6-12 → *Certificat d'Etudes Primaires* (Primary School Leaving Certificate). Primary education is done through an *ecole primaire*.

Roughly only 50% of students pass the CEP; those with high test percentages can continue to public secondary school while those with lower percentages may attend communal colleges and further studies at state teacher's colleges.

Lower Secondary/Junior High Education Summary

4 years (referred to as years 7, 6, 5, and 4, corresponding to grades 7, 8, 9, and 10), ages 12-16 → *Certificat du Tronc Commun* (Common Track Certificate). Lower secondary education is done at a college.

Requires National Entrance Examination, an orientation test to determine upper secondary education stream (scientific, literary, economics); students who don't pass leaving exam may go to state technical schools where a 3-4 year diploma (*Diploma A2*) program grants access to the state university, or they can attend a 2-year technical school to earn a *Diploma A3* to enter the workforce.

Upper Secondary/Senior High Education Summary

3 years (referred to as years 3, 2, 1, corresponding to grades 11, 12, 13), ages 16-19 → *Diplome d'Etat* (State Diploma) examination. Upper secondary education is completed through a lycee.

Tertiary Education Summary

Higher education in Burundi is primarily handled by the University of Burundi, a state institute. Admission to a university in Burundi requires a *Diplome d'Etat* (State Diploma).

Diplomas: 2-4 years

Bachelors degree: 4 years (2 year Diplome de Licence following 2 year Diplome de Candidature)

Engineering degree: 3-4 years

Medical degree: 4 years

Masters degree: 1 year graduate school

Main Equivalencies

Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Primaires	Completion of 6th grade
Certificat du Tronc Commun	Completion of 10th grade
Technicien A3	Completion of 11th grade
Technicien A2	Secondary School Completion
Diplome d'Etat	Secondary School Completion
Diplome de Candidature	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Diplome Professionnel d'Enseignement	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Diplome de Licence	Bachelor degree
Diplome (from the Institute National de Sante Publique/INSP)	3-4 years of transfer credit
Diplome d'Ingenieur Technicien	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Diplome d'Ingenieur Industriel/Civil	Bachelor degree
Diplom de Licence Agregé de l'Enseignement Secondaire	Bachelor degree
Diplome de Licence en Droit/Medecine	First Professional Degree
Docteur en Medecine	First Professional Degree
Diplome d'Etudes Superieures Specialisees (DESS)	Master's degree
Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)	Master's degree

Main Grading Scales

Beglian-style (EDGE)

Grade	US Grade
18-20	A+
16-17.99	A
14-15.99	B
12-13.99	C
10-11.99	Conditional pass if entire year is passed
0-9.99	F

Secondary and Tertiary Level (EDGE)

Grade	Description	Translation	US Grade
90-100	Excellent	Excellent	A
80-89	La Plus Grande Distinction	Highest Distinction	B+
70-79	Grande Distinction	High Distinction	B
60-69	Distinction	Distinction	C+
50-59	Satisfaction	Satisfactory	C
0-49	Ajourne	Fail	F

Higher Education Institutions

Tertiary Level: Universities (EducationUSA)

Public Universities:

University of Burundi

Private Universities:

Great Lakes University

Hope Africa University

Light University

Université Sagesse d'Afrique

University Martin Luther King

University of Lake Tanganyika

University of Mwaro

University of Ngozi

Education Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

Ministère de l'Education Nationale (Ministry of National Education)

mineduc@cbinf.com

Burundi Embassy in Berlin

<http://www.burundi-embassy-berlin.com/BDepth/BDepth.html#education>

Notes

In May 2008 the TOEFL paper-based test was administered in Burundi Burundi with an attendance of 100 test candidates. In October of the same year 32 more candidates sat for the test followed by 42 test takers in January 2009. Due to political strife and a civil war in the country, the test has not been given since 2001. The re-introduction of TOEFL has sparked a renewed interest in studying in the U.S. The opening of the educational advising center in July 2008, with its many resource materials, coincided with the receipt of the May 2008 test results bringing many enthusiastic students to the center.

Burundi and Rwanda were part of Central Africa until recently, when they wisely decided they're better off belonging to East Africa; they successfully applied to join the political organization, the East African Community and are in the process of adopting English as their official language.

Civil war in the mid-1990s disrupted education and destroyed hundreds of primary and secondary schools.



Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) Congo-Kinshasa



Overview

Native Language: French

Language of instruction: French

Academic Year: September to June/July on a semester system

TOEFL: PBT offered sparingly (4-6 times per year in a couple of cities)

Education Structure 6 + 2 + (2-4) + 3

Education is compulsory from ages 6 to 12.

The educational structure is modeled on Belgium's French community.

Primary Education Summary

6 years, ages 6-12 → *Certificat d'Ecole Primaire* (Certificate of Primary Education). Primary education students attend an *ecole primaire*.

Lower Secondary Education Summary

2 years (called Years 1 and 2), ages 13-15 → *Brevet* (Certificate). Lower secondary education is handled by general secondary schools.

Lower secondary education provides a general curriculum with final exams in all subjects (graded where 50% is minimum passing average). Students are then admitted to either Short or Long Cycle upper secondary education, where they will choose their major or area of concentration for further or higher education.

Upper Secondary Education Summary

Short Cycle – Technical/Vocational Training

2-3 years, ages 15-16 → *Brevet* (Certificate)

Professional/technical/vocational upper secondary. The *Brevet* in area of specialization is awarded after passing all leaving exams with 50% minimum passing average.

Long Cycle – General and Technical Education

4 years, called Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, ages 15-18 → *Diplome d'Etat* (State Diploma) or *Brevet* (Certificate)

Academic program divided into academic sections (scientific, literary, commercial, pedagogical, etc.). After completing the program, students sit for the State Exam and area awarded the State Diploma for passing with 50% average or more. Graduates of Long Cycle are eligible for admission to higher education.

Tertiary Education Summary

According to the Southern Africa Regional Universities Association, SARUA, there are nearly 400 public and private universities, colleges, polytechnics, and other institutes in DR Congo. University admissions requires a state diploma.

Three Cycles of Higher Education

First Cycle: *Graduat/Gradue* – 3 year first degree

Second Cycle: *Licence* – 2 year second degree (except Medicine/Veterinary Medicine which is 3 years)

Third Cycle: *Diplome d'Etudes Superieures* – 2 year third degree

Bachelors degree: 3 years

Medical degree: 3 years

Masters degree: 2 years

Doctoral degree: 4-7 years

Main equivalencies

Certificat d'Etudes Primaires	Completion of 6th grade
Brevet d'Instituteur	Secondary School Completion
Diplome d'Etat d'Etudes Secondaires du Cycle Long	Secondary School Completion
Diplome de Gradue	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Licence	Bachelor degree
Docteur en Medecine (Veterinaire)	First Professional Degree
Agregation de l'Enseignement Secondaire Superieure	1 year Graduate studies
Diplome d'Etudes Superieures (DES)	Master's degree
Diplome de Specialiste	Advanced Study
Doctorat	Earned Doctorate
Agrege de l'Enseignement Superieure en Medecine	Post-Doctoral studies

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Level (NAFSA Guide)

50-100

Pass

0-49

Fail

Secondary and Tertiary Level (EDGE)

Grade	Description	Translation	US grade
90-100	La Plus Grande Distinction	Highest Distinction	A
80-89	Grande Distinction	High Distinction	B+
70-79	Distinction	Distinction	B
50-69	Satisfaction	Satisfactory	C
0-49	Ajourne	Fail	F

Belgian-Style Tertiary Level (EDGE)

Grade	US Grade
18-20	A+
16-17.99	A
14-15.99	B
12-13.99	C
10-11.99	Conditional pass if entire year is passed
0-9.99	F

Higher Education Institutions

Universities (EDGE)

Public:

Centre Universitaire de Bukavu (University Center of Bukavu)

Institut de Bâtiment et des Travaux Publiques (Institute of Bridges and Public Works)

Institut Facultaire des Sciences Agronomiques de Yangambi (Faculty Institute of Agronomy Sciences)

Institut Facultaire des Sciences de l'Information et de la Communication (Faculty Institute of Information Sciences and Communication)

Institut Nationale des Arts (National Institute of the Arts)

Institut Supérieur de Commerce de Kinshasa (Higher Institute of Business of Kinshasa)

Institut Supérieur de Développement Rural de Tshibashi (Higher Institute of Rural Development of Tshibashi)

Institut Supérieur de Pédagogie Technique de Kinshasa (Higher Technical Pedagogical Institute of Kinshasa)

Institut Supérieur de Statistiques de Kinshasa (Higher Institute of Statistics of Kinshasa)

Institut Supérieur des Statistiques de Lubumbashi (Higher Institute of Statistics of Lubumbashi)

Institut Supérieur des Techniques Appliquées (Higher Institute of Applied Techniques)
Institut Supérieur des Techniques Médicales (Higher Institute of Medical Techniques)
Institut Supérieur d'Études Sociales de Lubumbashi (Higher Institute of Social Studies of Lubumbashi)
Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Kananga (Higher Pedagogical Institute of Kananga)
Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de la Gombe (Higher Pedagogical Institute of the Gombe)
Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Lubumbashi (Higher Pedagogical Institute of Lubumbashi)
Université de Kinshasa (University of Kinshasa)
Université de Kisangani (University of Kisangani)
Université de Lubumbashi (University of Lubumbashi)
Université Pédagogique Nationale (National Pedagogical University)

Private:

Collèges Universitaires de Kinshasa (University Colleges of Kinshasa)
Institut Universitaire Catholique (Catholic University Institute)
Université Acquatoria (Acquatoria)
Université Adventiste de Lukanga Wallace (Adventist University of Lukanga Wallace)
Université Cardinal Malula (Cardinal Malula University)
Université Catholique de Bukavu (Catholic University of Bukavu)
Université Catholique Don Peti Peti (Don Peti Peti Catholic University)
Université Catholique du Graben (Catholic University of the Graben)
Université Centrale de Kinshasa (Central University of Kinshasa)
Université Chrétienne de Kinshasa (Christian University of Kinshasa)
Université de Kinshasa Binza (University of Kinshasa Binza)
Université de la Mongala (University of the Mongala)
Université de l'Ouest. Congo, Campus de Kananga (University of the West. Congo, Kananga Campus)
Université de Luele (University of Luele)
Université de Mbuji-Mayi (University of Mbuji-Mayi)
Université Divina Gloria (Divine Glory University)
Université du CEPROMAD (CEPROMAD University)
Université du Kasayi (University of the Kasayi)
Université Franco-Américaine de Kinshasa (Franco-American University of Kinshasa)
Université Francophone Internationale/Campus de Kananga): International Francophone University/Kananga Campus)
Université Gelesi de l'Ubangi (Gelesi University of Ubangi)
Université Internationale du Congo (International University of the Congo)
Université Kongo (Kongo University)
Université Libre de Kinshasa (Free University of Kinshasa)
Université Libre de Lac Mukamba (Free University of Lake Mukamba)
Université Libre de Luozi (Free University of Luozi)
Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs (Free University of the Great Lakes Region)
Université Méthodiste au Katanga (Methodist University in Katanga)
Université Patrice Emery Lumumba de Wembo-Nyama (Patrice Emery Lumumba University of Wembo-Nyama)
Université Presbytérienne Sheppard et Lapsley du Congo (Sheppard and Lapsley Presbyterian University of the Congo)
Université Président Joseph Kasa-Vubu (President Joseph Kasa-Vubu)
Université Protestante de Kimpese (Protestant University of Kimpese)
Université Protestante du Congo (Protestant University of Congo)

Universite Simon Kimbangu (Simon Kimbangu University)
Universite Technologique Bel Campus (Bel Campus Technological University)

Educational Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

Ministry of Higher Education
minesu@micronet.cd

Notes

Educational system was reorganized in 1990.

Congo (formerly Zaire) is also known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is also known as Congo-Kinshasa, and not to be confused with the Congo Republic.



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Egypt



Overview

Native Language: Arabic

Medium of instruction: Arabic (and English and French)

School year runs from September/October to May/June with exams during the final month of the school year.

TOEFL: iBT offered in half a dozen cities every week; IELTS is offered once or twice a month

Education Summary 6 + 3 + 3 + (4-5)

Compulsory education begins at age 6 and ends at age 14 (grades 1-9, Basic Education).

Primary Education Summary

6 years, ages 6-12 → Primary School Certificate. Primary education is done through a primary school.

Grades 1-3 focus on basic reading, writing, math, and religious education. During Grades 4-6, the curriculum centers on the functional use of basic skills.

Preparatory Education Summary

3 years, ages 12-15 → Basic Education Completion Certificate. Preparatory education is done at a preparatory school.

No marks are awarded after terms or years are completed; students are merely assessed by two written exams at end of the year.

Secondary Education Summary

Academic: 3 years, ages 15-18 → *Thanaweya a'Amma* (General Secondary Education Certificate/GSEC). Academic secondary education is completed at a general secondary school.

In the first year, students are assessed at the end of both the first and second terms; again, no marks are awarded. In the second and third years, students sit for the GSEC at the end of each year; the total scores from both exams make up the student's final result. After passing their leaving exams, they are awarded the certificate.

Vocational: 3 years, ages 15-18/20 → Technical Education Diploma/Advanced Technical Diploma. Vocational/technical secondary education is completed at a technical secondary school.

Vocational secondary school lasts for three years for technicians and five years for high-class technicians in one of three fields: industry, agriculture, or commerce. After passing their leaving exams, they are awarded the appropriate diploma.

Tertiary Education Summary

University admissions requires the *Thanaweya a'Amma* (General Secondary Education Certificate), academic option, or the Advanced Technical Diploma. Both certificate holders and (high scoring, generally 75% or higher) diploma holders are eligible for university and non-university higher education. Since 1991, some technical school graduates have been eligible for all types of higher education: universities, higher institutes of technology, and higher professional training institutes.

Middle Technical Institute Diplomas: 2 years
 Higher Technical Institute Diplomas: 4-5 years
 Bachelors degree: 4-5 years
 Medical degree: 6 years
 Masters degree: 2-5 years
 Doctoral degree: 2 years (beyond the Masters)

Main Equivalencies

Shehadet Al-Ibtidaiya	Completion of 6th grade
Shehadet Al-Ibtidaiya Al-Azharia	Completion of 6th grade
Shehadet Al-ladadaiya	Completion of 9th grade
Shehadet Al-ladadaiya Al-Azharia	Completion of 9th grade
Shehadet Thanawiya Zeraiya/Togaraiya/Senaiya	Secondary School Completion
Thanaweya a'Amma	Secondary School Completion
Advanced Technical Diploma	1 year of transfer credit
Diploma in ... (4-5 years)	Bachelor degree
Baccalaureos	Bachelor degree
Licence or Exception Licence	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science/Dental Medicine	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery	First Professional Degree
Diploma of Graduate/Higher Studies in ...	1-2 years of Graduate studies
General Diploma in Education/Teaching Training	1-2 years of Graduate studies
Applied Diploma	1-2 years of Graduate studies
Diploma of Specialization	Master's degree
Magistr	Master's degree
Master of Dental Sciences in Orthodontics (MDSOrthod)	Advanced Study
Doctor of Dental Sciences in Orthodontics (DDSc Orthod)	Advanced Study
Diploma of Specialization in a Medical Specialty	Advanced Study
Doktora	Earned Doctorate
Doctor of Science	Post-Doctoral studies

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Grading Scale (EDGE)

Percent	Description	US Grade
90-100	Excellent	A
80-89	Very Good	B
65-79	Good	C
50-64	Pass	D
0-49	Fail	F

100-Point Scale for Undergraduate Programs (EDGE)

Undergrad 1	Undergrad 2	Health Sciences	Description	US Grade
90-100	85-100	85-100	Excellent	A
80-89	75-84	75-84	Very Good	B
65-79	65-74	65-74	Good	C
50-64	50-64	60-64	Pass	C-
35-49	35-49	30-59	Weak	D
0-34	0-34	0-29	Fail	F

- Undergrad 1: Scale used in the university faculties of arts, language, Islamic studies, archaeology, commerce, economics, political science, law, mass communication and at the Open University, the Sadat Academy, and tourism institutes.
- Undergrad 2: Scale used in faculties of education, engineering, fine arts, technology, social services, urban planning, and veterinary medicine.

100-point Scale for Graduate Programs (EDGE)

Percent	Description	US Grade
90-100	Excellent	A
80-89	Very Good	B
70-79	Good	C
60-69	Pass	D
0-59	Weak	F

Faculties of Law and Faculties of Arts have a minimum passing grade of 70

Credit Hour Grading Scale (EDGE)

Undergraduate	Graduate	Remark	US Grade
3.20-4.00	3.60-4.00	Excellent	A
2.40-3.19	2.70-3.59	Very Good	B
1.60-2.39	1.80-2.69	Good	C
1.00-1.59	1.00-1.79	Pass	D
0.00-0.99	0.00-0.99	Fail	F

Higher Education Institutions

Tertiary Level: Universities_(Egyptian Universities Network List of Universities Recognized by Ministry of Higher Education)

Public:

Ain Shams University
Al-Azhar University
Alexandria University
Assiut University
Benha University (Banha University)
Beni Suif University (Beni Sweif University)
Cairo University
Fayoum University (Al Fayoum University)
Helwan University
Kafr El-Shiekh University
Mansoura University
Menofia University (Minufiya University)
Minia University (Al Minya University)
Sohag University
South Valley University
Suez Canal University
Tanta University
Zagazig University

Private:

Akhbar Elyom Academy
Alsun Academy
American University in Cairo
Delta University
Egyptian E-Learning University
Future University
German University in Cairo
Higher Technological Institute
French University in Egypt/l'Universite Francaise d'Egypte
Modern Science and Arts University
Nahda University

Nile University
Pharos University in Alexandria
Sadat Academy for Management Sciences
Sinia University

Education Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

Ministry of Education
<http://www.emoe.org/> (in Arabic)

Ministry of Higher Education
<http://www.egy-mhe.gov.eg> (in Arabic)

Supreme Council of Universities
<http://www.scu.eun.eg>

Notes

The language of academic documents and credentials is mostly English; the term *bakalouriyous* is used in the sciences while *Licence* is used most often in the humanities.

A major recent change in the field of education in Egypt involves reforms in public education. In line with the Ministry of Education's focus on vocational and technical education programs, the Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt announced the Community College Initiative, an international exchange program that offers educational and professional development opportunities as well as exposure to American society for approximately two hundred students from Egypt, who attended U.S. community colleges.



Ethiopia



Overview

Native Language: Amharic

Language of instruction: English and local languages

Academic Year: September to June

TOEFL: PBT offered in Addis Ababa every other month; IELTS is offered once a month

Education Structure: 8 + 2 + 2 + (3-4)

Compulsory education is from ages 6-14.

Primary Education Summary

8 years, ages 6-14 → Primary School Certificate. Primary education is handled by primary schools.

Basic education is Grades I-IV, while general education is Grades V-VIII. Despite being the second largest country in Africa, only 25% of its population completes primary education, which is compulsory.

First Cycle Secondary Education Summary

2 years (called Grades IX-X), ages 14-16 → Ethiopian General School Leaving Certificate Examination (EGSLCE) after 2001. First cycle (lower) secondary education is handled at general secondary schools.

Second Cycle Secondary Education Summary

Academic: 2 years (called Grades XI-XII), ages 16-18 → Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate Examination (ESLCE)/Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination. Academically-oriented second cycle (upper) secondary education is done through preparatory secondary schools.

Students sit for the Ethiopia Higher Education Entrance Examination at the end of the program.

Vocational/Technical: 1-3 years, ages 16-19 → Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Level 1, 2, or 3 Certificate/Technical Diploma. Vocational/technical upper secondary education is done through vocational/technical schools and junior colleges.

TVET is divided into programs for health, agricultural, and teacher training as well as commercial, industrial, and skills-based training. Technical programs are offered at technical schools and junior colleges, while vocational programs are offered at vocational schools and junior colleges.

Tertiary Education Summary

University admissions generally requires the Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Exam and passes in 4 subjects that are at least C level. As of 2003, diploma programs are being shifted away from universities and in to technical colleges; going forward, universities will focus on degree programs.

Diplomas: 2-3 years

Bachelors degree: 3-4 years

Engineering degree: 5 years

Architecture degree: 5 years

Medical degree: 5 years

Masters degree: 2 years

Doctoral degree: 3 years following a Masters

Main Equivalencies

Ethiopian General School Leaving Certificate Exam (EGSLCE) (prior to 2001)	Secondary School Completion
Ethiopian General School Leaving Certificate Exam (EGSLCE) (after 2001)	Completion of 10th grade
First Cycle Primary School Teacher Diploma	Completion of 11th grade
Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) Level 1	Completion of 11th grade
Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) Level 2	Secondary School Completion
General Secondary Education Certificate	Secondary School Completion
Technical Diploma	Secondary School Completion
Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate Examination (ESLCE)	Secondary School Completion
Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination (EHEEE)	Secondary School Completion
Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) Level 3	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Teacher Training Diploma	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Diploma from other college	2-3 years of transfer credit
Bachelor of Education	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Bachelor Degree (after 2006)	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Bachelor Degree (prior to 2006)	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Engineering/Architecture/Town Planning	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Pharmacy	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Laws	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Medicine/Veterinary Medicine	First Professional Degree
Master's Degree	Master's degree
Master in Medical/Veterinary Medicine Specialty	Advanced Study
Doctor of Philosophy	Earned Doctorate

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Level (EDGE)

Grade	US Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

Undergraduate Level (EDGE)

Grade	US Grade
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
F	F

Graduate Level (EDGE)

Grade	US Grade
A	A
B	B
C	F
D	F
E	F

Some institutions have a 0-100 scale with 60 as the minimum passing grade.

Higher Education Institutions

Universities (MOE)

Public:

Adama University
Addis Ababa University
Arbaminch University
Axum University
Bahrdar University
Debre Berhan University
Debre Marcos University
Desie-Kombolcha University
Dilla University
Diredawa University
Gondor University
Haromaya University
Hawassa University
Jijga University
Jimma University
Mada Walabu University
Mekele University
Mizan-Tepi University
Semera University
Soddo University
Wollega University

Colleges and Institutes (HERQA/HESC)

Under NGO's:

Ethiopian Adventist College
Harar Agro-Technical College
Mekaneyesus Management and Leadership College
Menschen for Menschen Harar Technical Training College
S.O.S. Herman Geminar Nurses' Training School

Under government organizations:

Addis Ababa Technology and Commercial College
Addis College
Admas College, Adwa Campus
Admas College, DebreZeit Campus
Admas College, Dessie Campus
Admas College, Distance Education
Admas College, Olympia Campus
Africa Beza College, Addis Ababa
Africa Beza College, Awassa
Africa Beza College, Nekemt
Africa Health College
Alem Commercial College

Alkan Health College, Addis Ababa
Alkan Health College, Bahirdar
Alpha Distance Higher Educational Institute
Alpha University College
Ambo Micro Business College
Atlanta College
Atlas Dental College and Pharmacy School
BahirDar Medical College, BahirDar
BahirDar Medical College, Gondar
Blue Nile College
Blumnile College
Central College
Central Medical College (Central Health College)
CPU Business and Computer Technology College
CPU College
DandiBoru University College
Dehub Ethiopia College of Teacher Education
Defense Engineering
Defense University College
Dire Health College
Ethiopian Civil Service College
Fura College, Awassa
General Para Medical College, Awassa
Grace Business and Computer Science College
Grace College
Hayat Medical College
High Land College
Hilco Computer Science and Technology College
Industrial Institute of Technology
Infolink College
Infonet College
Institute Technology Mekelle
KEAMED Medical College
KEAMED Nurses' Training Health College
Kissama Africa University College
Kunuz College
Lucy College
Mass Media Training Institute
Medico Biomedical College
Microlink Information Technology College
Mogor College
National College
Nekat Engineering College
New Absyinia College
New Generation University College
New Millenium College
Nile College, Gondar Campus
Nile College, Mekele Campus
Nilsson Mandela College, Arbaminch Campus

Nilsson Mandela College, Bodity Campus
Nilsson Mandela College, Shashemene Campus
Nurselam College
Omega Medical College
Orthopedics and Physiotherapy Training Center
PESC Information Technology College
Poly Technology Institute (Poly Institute of Technology)
Private:
Queen's College
Rift Valley College, Adama Campus
Rift Valley College, Addisababa
Rift Valley College, Asela Campus
Rift Valley College, Nazret
Roha College
Royal College, Addis Ababa
Royal College, Nazret
Selam Nurses' College
Selihom Nurses' School
Sheba InfoTech and Business College, Axum Campus
Sheba InfoTech and Business College, Mekelle
Softenet College
St. Mary's College
St. Mary's College (distance education)
Tech Zone Engineering and Business College
Top College, Dire Dawa
Top College, Harar
Tropical College of Medicine
Unity University College, Addis Ababa
Unity University College, Nazret
Universal Medical College
YenegewSew University College
Zega Business College

Educational Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

Ministry of Education
<http://www.moe.gov.et/>

Higher Education Relevancy and Quality Agency/Higher Education Strategy Center
<http://www.higher.edu.et>

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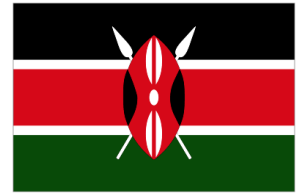
Ethiopia has undergone some major educational reforms in the last decade. Prior to reforms in 2001, the Ethiopian General School Leaving Certificate Examination (EGSLCE) represented 12 years of primary and secondary education; today, it is awarded after only 10 years. In 2006, many Bachelor's degree programs were reduced from 4 to 3 years

Ethiopia joins the ranks of those who are revising or replacing their national university entrance exam this year. The Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate Exam had been replaced in 2001. At that time, students took the new Ethiopian General Secondary Education Certificate exam after finishing grade ten. Based on their results, students were then streamed into either vocational programs or college-prep programs on the road to university studies both of which were two years in length. For those who go the preparatory route, they take the final national exam, the Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Certificate Examination, which is itself being replaced. The existing exam covers five subjects while the new one will have seven: English, math, natural sciences (physics, biology, and chemistry) or social sciences (geography, history, and economics), civics, aptitude subjects. Each subject will be worth 100 points out of a possible 700. This change, which is expected next year, will be one of several changes to the education system in Ethiopia as part of their new reform plan. The ultimate goal is to graduate more students in natural science programs with a targeted goal of 70% of graduates, specifically in the fields of computing and engineering (40%), basic natural sciences like biology and physics (20%), agriculture (5%) and health studies (5%). They are targeting economics & business and social studies at 20% and 10% respectively for the remaining graduates. The MOE believes this strategy will rejuvenate their professional workforce and, in turn, transform their economy.

Students who complete Ethiopian vocational secondary education programs now have the opportunity to further their education by taking the first national entrance exam for 10+3 TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) graduates. TVET programs are geared towards students who were unsuccessful on their 10th year national exam and were thus funneled into occupational programs rather than college-prep programs. However, some of them may be successful at higher education and now have the opportunity to sit the new exam as long as they meet the entrance requirements (completing level 3 and 4 occupational certifications and 2 years of work experience).



Kenya



Overview

Native Language: English and Swahili

Language of instruction: English

Academic Year: January to November/December on a semester system

TOEFL: iBT and PBT are offered several times a week; IELTS is offered twice a month

Education Structure: 8 + 4 + 4

Primary education is free but is not compulsory.

Kenya's educational structure is modeled after Britain's.

Primary Education Summary

8 years (referred to as Standards I-VIII), ages 6-14 → Kenya Certificate of Primary Education. Primary education is handled through primary schools.

The KCPE is awarded after completing six exam papers. In addition to the KCPE, primary schools may issue a School Leaving Certificate verifying completion of Standard VIII and showing international exam results.

Secondary Education Summary

4 years (referred to as Forms I-IV), ages 15-19 → EACE (until 1980)/KCE (until 1988)/KCSE (since 1989). Secondary education is taken through secondary schools.

After completing 12 years of primary and secondary school, secondary school students must register for at least 8 exam subjects (in English, Kiswahili, a math, two sciences, a variety of other options in humanities and other subjects) even though they have generally studied 12 subjects in Forms I and II and 8-9 subjects in Forms III and IV. Many schools issue a School Leaving Certificate showing the completed years. Private secondary schools still follow the University of Cambridge Ordinary and Advanced Level system.

Tertiary Education Summary

Higher education in Kenya generally requires a C+ average on the KCSE; many institutions also may require specific grades in certain subjects and/or a combination of specific subjects. Because of competition for public university places, most admitted students actually have a B average, forcing others to attend private universities or middle colleges.

Middle Level Colleges are institutions offering 2- and 3-year certificate, ordinary diploma, and higher diploma programs such as teacher training colleges and polytechnics.

Ordinary Diploma : 2-3 years
Higher Diploma: 2-3 years
Bachelors degree: 4 years
Engineering degree: 4 years
Architecture degree: 6 years
Medical degree: 6 years
Masters degree: 2 years
Doctoral degree: 2-5 years

Main Equivalencies

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE)	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Ordinary Diploma	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Primary Teacher's Certificate (P1)	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Diploma in Education (S1)	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Higher Diploma	2-3 years of transfer credit
Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Architecture	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Pharmacy/Veterinary Medicine	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Laws	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Philosophy	Bachelor degree
Postgraduate Diploma	1-3 years of Graduate studies
Master of Arts/Business Administration/Science	Master's degree
Master of Education/Laws/Public Health/Science/Architecture	Master's degree
Doctor of Education	Earned Doctorate
Doctor of Philosophy	Earned Doctorate
Doctor of Medicine	First Professional Degree

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Level/KCSE (EDGE)

Kenya Grade	Grade Points	US Grade
A	12	A
A-	11	A
B+	10	A
B	9	B+
B-	8	B
C+	7	C
C	6	C
C-	5	C
D+	4	D
D	3	D
D-	2	D (lowest pass)
E	1	F

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education

General Paper		Academic Subjects	
Grade		Grade	Level
1-6	Subsidiary Pass	A	Principal
7-9	Fail	B	Principal
		C	Principal
		D	Principal
		E	Principal
		O	Subsidiary
		F	--

Note: Principal-level and Subsidiary-level passes correspond to Advanced-level and Ordinary-level passes, respectively, used in the British-based General Certificate of Education examinations. The word "Supplementary" on the certificate indicates that the candidate sat for the examination on a second or subsequent occasion. (The Education System of Kenya, ECE Presents, 1993.)

Polytechnics: 9-Point Scale (EDGE)

Kenya Grade	Remarks	US Grade
1-2	Distinction	A
3-4	Credit	B
5-6	Pass	C
7-9	Fail	F

Polytechnics: 100-Point Scale (EDGE)

Kenya Grade	Percentage	Points	US Grade
A	75-100%	4.0	A
B	65-74%	3.0	B
C	50-64%	2.0	C
D	40-49%	1.0	C
E	0-39%	0.0	F

Ordinary and Higher Diplomas (EDGE)

Kenya Grade	Remarks	US Grade
70%+	A – Distinction	A
60-69%	B – Credit	B
50-59%	C – Pass	C
40-49%	D – Pass	C
0-39%	F – Fail	F

University Grading (EDGE)

Kenya Grade	Letter Grade	Remarks	Percentage	US Grade
First Class Honours	A	Excellent	70-100%	A
Second Class Honours – Upper	B	Good	60-69%	A-
Second Class Honours – Lower	C	Satisfactory	50-59%	B
Pass	D	Pass	40-49%	C
Fail	E	Fail	0-39%	F

Teacher's Colleges (EDGE)

Kenya Grade	Percentage	US Grade
A	80-100	A
A-	76-79	A
B+	72-75	A
B	68-71	B
B-	64-67	B
C+	60-63	B
C	56-59	C
C-	52-55	C
D+	48-51	C
D	44-47	C
D-	40-43	F
E	0-39	F

Higher Education Institutions

Universities (MOHEST)

State:

Egerton University
Jomo Kenya University of Agriculture and Technology
Kenyatta University
Maseno University
Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
Moi University
University of Nairobi

Chartered Private:

African Nazarene
Catholic University of Eastern Africa
Daystar University
Kabarak University
Kenya Methodist University
Pan African Christian University
Scott Theological College
United States International University
St. Paul's University
Strathmore University
University of Eastern Africa, Baraton

Private with Interim Letters of Authority:
Adventist University of Africa
Great Lakes University-Kisumu
Gretsa University
KCA University
Kiriri Women's University of Science and Technology
Mt. Kenya University
Presbyterian University of East Africa

Non-University Institutions (MOHEST)

Bumbe Technical Training Institute
Coast Institute of Technology
Friends College Kaimosi Institute of Technology
Gusii Institute of Technology
Kabete Technical Training Institute
Kaiboi Technical Training Institute
Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology
Kinyanjui Technical Training Institute
Kirinyaga Technical Institute
Kitale Technical Training Institute
Maasi Technical Training Institute
Machokas Technical Training Institute
Mathenge Institute of Technology
Mawego Technical Training Institute
Meru Technical Training Institute
Michuki Technical Training Institute
Moi Institute of Technology
Mombasa Technical Training Institute
Murang'a College of Technology
N'kabune Technical Training Institute
Nairobi Technical Training Institute
North Eastern Province Technical Training Institute
Nyeri Technical Training Institute
Olessos Technical Training Institute
Ramogi Institute of Advanced Technology
Rift Valley Technical Training Institute
Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology
Rwaka Technical Institute
Sang'lo Institute of Technology
Siaya Institute of Technology
Sigalagala Technical Training Institute
Thika Technical Training Institute
Ukambani Agricultural Institute

Non-University Institutions (CHE)

Validated Institutions for specific diploma programs: <http://www.che.or.ke/institutions.html>

Alphax College

Amicus School
AMREF International Training Centre
Augustana College
Australian Studies Institute
Centre for Tourism Training Research, Wildlife Club of Kenya
Co-operative College of Kenya
Computer Pride Training Centre
Consolate Institute of Philosophy
Cornerstone Training Institute
Defence Staff College
Digital Advisory and Learning Centre
Dremaline College
East Africa School of Journalism
Elgonview College
Graffins College
Holy Rosary College Tala
Institute of Advanced Technology
Intel College
Jaffrey Institute of Professional Studies
Kenya Armed Forces Technical College
Kenya Association of Professional Counsellors
Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute
Kenya College of Communications Technology
Kenya Institute of Management
Kenya Institute of Professional Counseling
Kenya Institute of Social Works and Community Development
Kenya School of Professional Studies
Kenya Utalii College
Kima International School of Theology
Loreto College Msongari
Nairobi Aviation College
Nairobi Institute of Business Studies
Nairobi Institute of Technology
National Intelligence Academy
Oshwal College
Paul Mark Training Institute
Pioneer International College
National Defence College
Premese Africe Development Institute
Regional Institute for Mapping of Resources for Development
Regional Institute of Business Management
Swiss Management Academy
Tec Institute of Management
Thika College for Sharia and Islamic Studies
Thika Institute of Technology
Wisemen Training and Consultatns, Ltd.
Zetech College

Educational Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

Kenya National Examination Council

<http://www.examsCouncil.or.ke/>

Ministry of Education

<http://www.education.go.ke/>

Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology

<http://www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke/>

Commission for Higher Education

<http://www.che.or.ke/status.html>

Notes:

The General Certificate of Education was issued until education reforms of 1985 and represents 11 years.

The educational structure of Kenya changed in 1985. The 8+4+4 system described in this document replaced a British-patterned Advanced level secondary system followed by a 3-year Bachelor degree.



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Rwanda



Overview

Native Language: French, Kinyarwanda, English

Language of instruction: French and English (and Kinyarwanda in primary schools)

Academic Year: January to October/November, operating on semester system

TOEFL: PBT is offered six times a year (every other month)

Education Structure: 6 + 3 + 3 + 4

Primary education is free and compulsory but often not enforced.

The educational structure is modeled on Belgium's French community.

Primary Education Summary

6 years, ages 7-13 → *Concours National d'Accès à l'Enseignement Secondaire* (National Secondary School Entrance Examination). Primary education is handled by primary schools.

First Cycle Secondary Education Summary

3 years (Junior Secondary School Form 3 = 9th grade), ages 13-16 → *Certificat de Fin de Tronc Commun* (Certificate of End of Common Track) or Secondary Education Ordinary Level Certificate. First cycle secondary, or junior secondary, education is handled by *tronc commun* schools.

Nearly 30,000 students take the national secondary Education Ordinary Level test in nine subjects; less than half will be admitted to senior secondary. Students who fail can either retake ninth grade or go to a private senior secondary school. Students in junior secondary follow a common-core syllabus, ensuring that all graduates of grade nine can either enter the job market with basic work skills or continue to senior secondary. Junior secondary is free.

Second Cycle Secondary Education Summary

3 years, ages 16-19 → *Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires* (End of Secondary Studies Diploma) or Secondary Education Advanced Level. Secondary cycle secondary, or senior secondary, education is handled by *sections generales* or *sections techniques*.

Recently introduced: national secondary education Advanced Level test in 6-7 subjects.

Admission to senior secondary is competitive. Most Rwandans attend public boarding schools. All students in public schools take classes in French, English, integrated sciences, social studies, and math, as well as 6-7 subjects of their own choosing from categories of art, sciences, business, agriculture, technical, and vocational studies.

The A Level exams are given in November, but results are not available until March the next year. Grading is tough.

Tertiary Education Summary

Minimum university admission is grade C in all subjects on the *Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires*.

Higher National Diplomas: 3 years

Bachelors degree: 4 years

Engineering degree: 4 years (2 years each of Bacc & Diplome)

Medical degree: 4 years

Masters degree: 2 years

Doctoral degree: not currently offered in Rwanda

Main Equivalencies

Certificat de Fin de Tronc Commun	Completion of 9th grade
Secondary Education Ordinary Level Certificate	Completion of 9th grade
Diploma A2	Secondary School Completion
Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	Secondary School Completion
Secondary Education Advanced Level Certificate	Secondary School Completion
Brevet de Technicien Superieur (BTS)	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Baccalaureat	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Higher National Diploma	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Advanced Diploma	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Licence	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Science	Bachelor degree
Diplome d'Ingenieur	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Dental Therapy	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	First Professional Degree
Docteur en Medecine	First Professional Degree
Maitrise	Master's degree
Doctorat: Diplome de Specialisation en Medecine	Advanced Study

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Grading Scale (EDGE)

Percentages	Grade	Grade Scale	Scale Boundary	Performance
85-100	A	11	10.5-11	Excellent
80-84	A-	10	9.5-10.4	
75-79	B+	9	8.5-9.4	Very Good
70-74	B	8	7.5-8.4	
65-69	B-	7	6.5-7.4	
60-64	C+	6	5.5-6.4	Merit
55-59	C	5	4.5-5.4	
50-54	C-	4	3.5-4.4	
40-49	D+, D, D-	3 and 2	1.5-2.5	Pass

Tertiary Grading Scale (EDGE)

Percentage	Description	Translation	US Grade
90-100	La Plus Grande Distinction	Highest Distinction	A
80-89	Grande Distinction	High Distinction	B
70-79	Distinction	Distinction	C+
50-69	Satisfaction	Satisfactory	C
0-49	Ajourne	Fail	F

Higher Education Institutes

Universities (MOE)

Public:

Institut Supérieur d'Agriculture et d'Élevage
Kigali Health Institute
Kigali Institute of Education
Kigali Institute of Science and Technology
National University of Rwanda
School of Finance and Banking
Umutara Polytechnic
Université des Grands Lacs

Private:

Faculte de Theologie Protestante de Butare
Grand Seminaire de Nyakibanda
Institut d'Enseignement Superieur de Ruhengeri
Institut des Sciences Pedagogiques de Gitwe
Institut Polytechnique de Byumba
Kigali Institute of Management
Universite Adventiste d'Afrique Centrale (Adventist University of Central Africa)
Universite Catholique de Kabgayi (Catholic University of Kabgayi)
Universite d'Agriculture, de Technology et d'Education de Kibungo (University of Agriculture, Technology, and Education of Kibungo)
Universite Laïque Adventiste de Kigali (Kigali Lay Adventist University)
Universite Libre de Kigali (Kigali Independent University)

Colleges:

Kavumu College of Technology
Kicukiro College of Technology
Rukara College of Technology
Tumba College of Technology

Education Authority and Accrediting Bodies

Ministry of Education
<http://www.mineduc.gov.rw>

Rwanda National Examinations Council
<http://www.rnec.ac.rw>

Notes

Colleges and universities should require a copy of the Diploma/Certificate and the results slip for the Secondary Education Advanced Level A2 or D6 as well as transcripts per EducationUSA.

Civil war in the mid-1990s disrupted education.

Burundi and Rwanda were part of Central Africa until recently, when they wisely decided they're better off belonging to East Africa; they successfully applied to join the political organization, the East African Community and are in the process of adopting English as their official language.



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Sudan



Overview

Native Language: Arabic

Language of instruction: Arabic (though English is used in medicine and engineering)

Academic Year: September – June

TOEFL: PBT is offered every other month; IELTS is offered twice a month

Education Structure: 8 + 3 + 4

Primary education is compulsory.

The Sudan's educational structure is modeled after Britain's.

Primary Education Summary

8 years, ages 6-14 → Basic Education Certificate. Primary education is given at basic schools.

Primary education prepares students to sit for the basic education certificate exams so they may continue to secondary education or enter the workforce.

Secondary Education Summary

3 years, ages 14-17 → Sudan Secondary School Certificate. Secondary education is handled by secondary schools.

Academic: The first two years follow a general curriculum, but for the final year of academic secondary education, students choose between the Science and Arts streams. Graduates from the academic sector sit for the Sudan Certificate examinations so they may compete for entrance to higher educational institutions.

Technical: Like academic secondary education, technical secondary graduates are able to enter universities or the labor market upon graduation (though they are not taught to be skilled workers at this stage). There are four types of technical secondary education: industrial, agricultural, commercial, and women-only streams.

Tertiary Education Summary

University admissions requires the Sudan Secondary School Certificate with passes in 7 subjects: the 4 main subjects – Arabic, English, math, and religious studies – and 3 other subjects.

Certificates: 1-2 years
 Technician Diplomas: 3 years
 Bachelors degree: 4 years (5 years Honours)
 Engineering degree: 5-6
 Architecture degree: 5-6
 Postgraduate Diplomas: 1-2 years
 Medical degree: 5-6 years
 Masters degree: 2-3 years
 Doctoral degree: 3 years

Main Equivalencies

Sudan Secondary School Certificate	Secondary School Completion
Diploma in Education	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Certificate	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Advanced Diploma	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Bachelor (4 years)	Bachelor degree
Bachelor (5-6 years, in Pharmacy/Medicine/Vet Med)	First Professional Degree
Bachelor (Honours)	Bachelor degree
Master's	Master's degree
Doctoral Degree	Earned Doctorate

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Level (EDGE)

Percentages	US Grade
80-100%	A
70-79%	B
60-69%	C
50-59%	D
0-49%	F

Tertiary Level (EDGE)

Percentages	US Grade
80-100%, Division I	A
60-79%, Division II	B
40-59%, Division III	C
0-39%	F

Higher Education Institutes

Universities (MOHESR)

Al-Neelain University at Khartoum
Blue Nile University
Dongola University
El-Azhari University (University of the Leader Azhari University)
El-Fasher University
El-Gadarif University
El-Mahadi University
El-Obied University
International University of Africa
National University of Rabat
Omdurman Ahlia University
Omdurman Islamic University
Red Sea University
Shandi University
Sinar University (University of Sinnar)
Sudan University
Sudan University of Science and Technology
University of Bahr-El-Ghazal
University of Bakht Er Ruda
University of DalanJ (El-Dalang University)
University of Dilling
University of Gezira (Gezira University)
University of Holy Quran and Islamic Sciences
University of Imam Mahdi
University of Juba
University of Kassala
University of Khartoum
University of Kordofan
University of Science and Technology
University of the Nile Valley (Wadi Al-Neel University)
University of West Kordofan
Upper Nile University

Non-University Institutions (MOHESR)

Academy of Communication Sciences
Academy of Medical Sciences and Technology
Alkotainp Technical College
Amir Osman Dguenh College for Girls
Arab College of Science and Technology
Canadian College of Sudan
Civil College of the White Nile
College of Aeronautics
College of the East Nile (East Nile College)
College of the West Nile
Comboni College of Science and Technology
Delta College of Science and Technology
El Nasr Technical College
Emirates College of Technology
Faculty of Computer Studies
Garden City College of Science and Technology
High Institute for Banking and Financial Studies
Higher Institute of Zakat Science
Islamic Institute of Translation
Jarif East Technical College
Jordanian-Sudanese College of Science and Technology
Kassala Technical College
Kenana Technical College
Khartoum Academy of Technology
Khartoum College of Applied Studies
Khartoum College of Medical Sciences
Khartoum Technical College
Manhal Academy of Sciences
Meroe Technical College
National College for Medical and Technical Studies
Nyala Technical College
Orient College of Science and Technology
Peninsula College of Technology
Razi School of Medical Sciences and Technology
Sheikh Abdullah al-Badri Technical College
Sudan Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences
Sudan Higher Institute for Tourism and Hospitality
Sudan Technical College
Sudan University College for Girls
Wad Madani Technical College

Accrediting Bodies

Ministry of General Education

<http://www.moe.gov.sd/english/index.htm>

Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology

<http://www.moest.gov.sd/start/index.php>

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

<http://www.mohe.gov.sd/eng/>

Notes

Education system was reduced to 11 years for primary and secondary in 1992 to hasten the speed with which educated students could enter the workforce or higher education; school days increased from 180 to 210 each of the 11 years to make up for the 12th year.

The Sudan does not have an EducationUSA office; however, the US Embassy Librarian, Abdullahi Dirar, is willing to help until an office can be set up. His email address is DirarAM@state.gov



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Tanzania



Overview

Native Language: Kishwahili

Language of instruction: Kishwahili (and English in secondary and university studies)

Academic Year: September/October – June/July for universities

TOEFL: iBT offered weekly and PBT offered every few months; IELTS is offered once a month

Education Structure: 7 + 4 + 2 + (3-5)

Primary education is compulsory and free, but most students only complete grade 5.

Tanzania's educational system is based on Britain's.

Primary Education Summary

7 years (called Standards 1-7), ages 7-14 → Primary School Leaving Certificate. Primary education is taken at lower/first stage and upper/second stage primary schools.

Primary education is comprised of the Basic First Stage, which is 4 years (Standards 1-4, ages 7-11), and Basic Second, which is 3 years (Standards 5-7, ages 11-14).

Lower Secondary Education Summary

4 years (called Forms I-IV), ages 14-18 → Ordinary Level/Certificate of Secondary Education examination. Lower secondary education is taken at lower secondary schools.

Pupils who do not continue to the next level, upper secondary, may continue their studies at technical colleges in certificate and diploma-level training.

Upper Secondary Education Summary

2 years (called Forms V-VI) ages 18-20 → Advanced Level/Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination. Upper secondary education is completed through upper secondary schools.

Less than 1/3 of Tanzanian secondary students continued from Lower to Upper secondary school. National examinations are held in October for Ordinary Levels and in February for Advanced Levels.

The ACSEE grading scale is:

A = Excellent, B = Very Good, C = Good, D = Satisfactory, E = Satisfactory, lower than D

S = Subsidiary failure in a non-compulsory subject, F = Fail

A “Principal Pass” means that the student earned a grade A-E. “Subsidiary” subjects refers to General

Studies and Basic Applied Math, both of which are required. Subsidiary subjects are graded as Subsidiary Pass or Fail.

Tertiary Education Summary

University admissions requires an original CSEE and ACSEE, showing completion of the Advanced Level and eligibilty for university studies. The CSEE must have passes in five approved subjects and must be taken before sitting for the ACSEE; the ACSEE must have two principal-level passes.

Diplomas: 1-3 years
Bachelors degree: 3-5 years
Engineering degree: 4 years
Medical degree: 5 years
Masters degree: 1-3 years
Doctoral degree: 3-5 years

Main Equivalencies

Primary School Leaving Certificate	Completion of 7th grade
Primary Teacher's Certificate, Grade C	Completion of 10th grade
Primary Teacher's Certificate, Grade B	Completion of 11th grade
Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)	Secondary School Completion
Primary Teacher's Certificate, Grade A	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
East Africa General Certificate of Education (EAGCE) Ordinary "O" Level	Secondary School Completion
Certificate in Agriculture/Applied Nutrition/Food Science/Forestry/Lab Tech	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Motor Vehicle Maintenance Certificate	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (ACSE)	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Diploma in Education for Lower Secondary School Teachers	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Diploma in Agriculture/Agricultural Education	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Full Technician Certificate	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Intermediate Certificate in Lab Technology	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Diploma in Forestry	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Diploma in Fisheries Science/Wildlife Management	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Diploma in Accountancy/Agriculture/Animal Production/Building	Up to 3 years of transfer credit
Bachelor in Arts/Agriculture/Commerce/Forestry/Science	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Engineering	Bachelor degree
Bachelor of Nursing	Bachelor degree
Post-Graduate Diploma in Education	Master's degree
Post-Graduate Diploma in Wildlife	Master's degree
Master's Degree	Master's degree
Bachelor of Law	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Pharmacy	First Professional Degree
Bachelor of Veterinary Science	First Professional Degree
Doctor of Dental Surgery	First Professional Degree
Doctor of Medicine	First Professional Degree
Diploma in Public Health	Advanced Study
Master of Medicine	Advanced Study
Doctor of Philosophy	Earned Doctorate

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Level (EDGE)

Grade	Remarks	US Grade
A / 1	Pass	A+
B / 2	Pass	A
C / 3	Pass	B+
D / 4	Pass	B
E / 5	Pass	C
S / 6	Subsidiary Pass	D
F / 7	Fail	F

Subsidiary Subjects – General Studies and Basic Applied Mathematics – are graded as Subsidiary Pass or Fail. If a student fails General Studies, they are awarded a Division III Certificate (where Division I is highest and Division IV is lowest) even if all other subjects are high grades.

Tertiary Level (EDGE)

Grade	Percentage	Class	US Grade
5	70-100%	First Class Honours	A
4	60-69%	Second Class Honours (Upper)	B+
3	50-59%	Second Class Honours (Lower)	B
2	40-49%	Pass	C
1	35-39%	Minimal Pass	D
0	0-34%	Fail	F

Higher Education Institutions

Universities (TCU)

Public:

Ardhi University (ARU)

Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS)

Mzumbe University (MU)

Open University of Tanzania (OUT)

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)

State University of Zanzibar (SUZA)

University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)

University of Dodoma

Private:

Aga Khan University- Tanzania Institute of Higher Education (AKU-TIHE)

Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU)

International Medical and Technological University (IMTU)
Mount Meru University (MMU)
Muslim University of Morogoro (MUM)
St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT)
St. John's University of Tanzania
Stefano Moshi Memorial University
Teofilo Kisanji University (TEKU)
Tumaini University (TU)
University of Arusha (UoA)
Zanzibar University (ZU)

University Colleges (TCU)

Public:

Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE) of the UDSM.
Institute of Journalism and Mass Communication (IJMC)
Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE) of the UDSM.
Moshi University College of Cooperatives and Business Studies (MUCCoBS)
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences
University College of Lands and Architectural Studies

Private:

Bugando University College of Health Sciences under SAUT (BUCHS)
College of Education Zanzibar of the International University of Africa, Khartoum (UCEZ)
Iringa University College of Tumaini University (IUCO)
Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College of Tumaini University (KCMC)
Makumira University College of Tumaini University (MUCO)
Mwenge University College of Education under SAUT (MWUCE)
Ruaha University College under SAUT (RUCO)
Sebastian Kolowa University College
Tumaini University - Dar es salaam College (TUDARCO)

Technical Colleges (NACTE)

Bagamoyo College of Arts
Civil Aviation Training Centre
College of African Wildlife Management
College of Business Education (CBE)
Community Development Training Institute (CDIT)
Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT)
Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI)
Forest Industries Training Institute
Forest Training Institute
Gender Training Institute
Institute of Accountancy
Institute of Finance Management
Institute of Rural Development
Institute of Rural Development Planning
Institute of Social Work

Madini Institute
Masoka Management Training Institute
Mbegani Fisheries Development Centre
Mbeya Institute of Science and Technology
Mbeya Technical College (MTC)
Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute – Mlingano
Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute – Mtwara
Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute – Ukiriguru
Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute – Uyole
Ministry of Community Development, Gender, and Children program
Ministry of Health and Social Welfare program
Ministry of Home Affairs program
Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy
National Council for Technical Education program
National College of Tourism
National Institute of Transport (NIT)
Newman Institute of Social Work
Nyegezi Freshwater Fisheries Institute
Pasiansi Wildlife Training Institute
Primary Health Care Institute (PHCI)
Rwegarulila Water Resources Institute
St Joseph College of Engineering and Technology
St. Joseph Information Technology (SJIT)
Technical College Arusha (TCA)
Technical Training Institute Misungwi-Mwanza
University Computing Center (UCC)
Zanzibar Institute of Financial Administration

Educational Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

National Examinations Council of Tanzania

<http://www.necta.go.tz/>

Ministry of Education and Vocational Training

<http://www.moe.go.tz/>

Ministry of Science, Technology, and Higher Education

<http://www.tanzania.go.tz/science.htm>

National Council for Technical Education

<http://www.nacte.go.tz/>

Tanzania Commission for Universities

<http://www.tcu.or.tz>

Notes

Education reforms began in 1995.

The United Republic of Tanzania is located in East Africa and is made up of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. The semiautonomous relationship between Zanzibar and the union is a relatively unique system of government. Zanzibar's House of Representatives has jurisdiction over all non-union matters, including education.

Unlike many African nations, Tanzania placed great emphasis on practical aspects of education. Agriculture, commerce, home economics, and technical and scientific subjects have a central role in secondary school curricula. Schooling at each level was to be complete in itself rather than a preparation for the next level. Students were to be prepared not primarily for examinations, but for the agricultural life to which most of them would return.



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Uganda



Overview

Native Language: English, Swahili, Bantu, Luganda

Language of instruction: English

Academic Year: February to December on a trimester system

TOEFL: iBT is available twice a month; IELTS is offered once a month

Educational Structure: 7 + (3-4) + (2-3) + (3-5)

Primary education only became compulsory in September 2009 but has not yet been enforced.

The education system in Uganda is based on the British system.

Primary Education Summary

7 years (called Primary 1-7), ages 6-13, → Primary School Leaving Certificate. Primary education is handled by primary schools.

Primary education has been free since 1997, and enrollment has more than doubled in the last decade. Students are tested on four subjects on the Uganda Primary Leaving Examinations – English, math, science, and social studies – but several other subjects may be studied as well. Forty percent of students continue education after completing primary school, but there are significantly more students wanting to continue their studies than public or private schools available.

Lower Secondary Education Summary

Academic: 4 years (called Senior 1-4), ages 13-17 → Uganda Certificate of Education/Uganda Ordinary Level. Academic lower secondary education is handled by lower secondary schools.

Studies include a curriculum of both science and arts subjects, and students are tested on up to 10 subjects; compulsory subjects are English, math, biology, chemistry, physics, geography, and students select their own electives for the remaining subjects. The UCE Certificate includes: the school's name, the student's name, all examination subjects the student has taken, and exam scores ranging from 1-9. “Supplementary” on the certificate means that the student took the examination at a subsequent sitting.

Technical Secondary: 3 years, ages 13-16 → Uganda Junior Technical Certificate. Technical lower secondary is handled by technical secondary schools.

Lower Secondary graduates have the option of continuing on to upper secondary education, technical institutes, primary teacher colleges, or governmental department training colleges. There are significantly more students than spaces despite the growth in the private and government-backed

secondary schools at all levels.

Upper Secondary Education Summary

Academic: 2 years (called Forms V-VI/Senior 5-6) → Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education/Uganda Advanced Level. Academic upper secondary education is handled at upper secondary schools.

Students choose 4 principal subjects from either sciences or arts stream; subjects taken in the field of their major are called Principal subjects while minor subjects are Subsidiary subjects. To graduate, students must earn at least one pass for both a Principal and a Subsidiary on their four principal subjects. The General Paper is a compulsory Subsidiary subject. In order to graduate, students must earn at least one Principal pass (grades A-E) and at least one Subsidiary Pass from their four Principal subjects. The Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education is awarded to students who complete the Uganda Advanced Level exams.

Technical: 2-3 years → Uganda Technical Institute Certificate/Uganda Craft Certificate. Technical upper secondary is handled by technical secondary schools.

Graduates of technical institutes generally study for 2-3 years after lower secondary school to earn an advanced craft certificate

Tertiary Education Summary

University admission requires the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education; students must have 6 passes in approved subjects in the Uganda Certificate of Education level and two Principal passes at the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education Level. There are many students eligible for post-secondary studies each year, but only about 25% are able to join higher learning institutes because of space issues. Enrollment in tertiary institutions has increased 90% in the last decade, but the number of tertiary schools has increased only 2%.

Certificates: 1-3 years

Diplomas: 2 years

Bachelors degree: 3-5 years

Engineering degree: 4 years

Medical degree: 5 years

Masters degree: 1.5-3 years

Doctoral degree: 3 years beyond Masters

Main Equivalencies

Primary School Leaving Certificate	Completion of 7th grade
Uganda Junior Technical Certificate	Completion of 10th grade
Grade III Teacher's Certificate	Secondary School Completion
Uganda Certificate of Education	Secondary School Completion
Grade IV Teacher's Certificate	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Certificate of Librarianship	1 semester of transfer credits
Certificate in Theology	Up to 1 year of transfer credit
Ordinary Technician's Diploma	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Diploma in Music/Dance/Drama	Up to 2 years of of transfer credit
Grade V Teacher's Certificate	Up to 4 years of transfer credit
Ordinary Diploma in Electrical Engineering	Bachelor degree
Higher Technician's Diploma	Bachelor degree
Bachelor's Degree in Arts/Science/Law	Bachelor degree
Bachelor's Degree in Engineering/Agriculture	Bachelor degree
Diploma in Education	1 year Graduate studies
Master's Degree	Master's degree
Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering	Master's degree
Bachelor's Degree in Medicine/Pharmacy	First Professional Degree
Doctor of Medicine (MD)	First Professional Degree
Master's Degree in Medicine	Advanced Study
Doctor's Degree	Earned Doctorate

Main Grading Scales

Secondary Level/Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (EducationUSA)

General Paper		Academic Subjects	
Grade		Grade	Level
1-2	Distinction (Very Good)	A	Principal
3-6	Pass with Credit (Good)	B	Principal
7-8	Subject Pass (Fair)	C	Principal
9	Fail	D	Principal
		E	Principal
		O	Subsidiary
		F	--

Tertiary Level: Classifications (EDGE)

Classification	US Grade
Class I, Top Honours	A
Class II (i), Honours Upper	B
Class II (ii), Honours Lower	C
General Pass	D
Fail	F

Tertiary Level: 100-Point Scale (EducationUSA)

Percentages	Remarks	US Grade
80-100%	Excellent	A
70-79%	Very Good	B+
60-69%	Good	B
50-59%	Fair/Satisfactory	C
45-49%	Compensatable Fail	D
0-44%	Fail	F

Higher Education Institutions

Universities (NCHE)

Public Universities

Busitema University
Gulu University
Kyambogo University
Makere University
Makere University Business School
Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Private Universities

African Bible College
Aga Khan University
All Saints University, Lango
Bishop Stuart University
Bugema University
Busoga University
Fairland University
International Health Science University

Islamic University in Uganda
Kabale University
Kampala International University
Kampala University
Kumi University
Lugazi University
Mountains of the Moon University
Muteesa I Royal University
Ndejje University
Nkumba University
St. Lawrence University
Uganda Christian University
Uganda Martyrs University
Uganda Pentecostal University

Private University Colleges

Bishop Barham University College (Constituent College of Uganda Christian University)
Kisubi Brothers University College (Constituent College of Uganda Martrys University)

Non-University Institutions (NCHE)

Public Institutes

Arapai Agricultural College
Bukalasa Agricultural College
Butabika School of Psychiatric Clinical Officers
East African School of Aviation, Soroti
Fisheries Training Institute
Health Tutors College, Mulago
Kyabyeya Forestry College, Masindi
Makerere University Business School
Management Training and Advisory Centre
Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing
Medical Laboratory Technician's School, Jinja
National Meteorological Training School
National Teachers College, Kabale
National Teachers College, Kaliro
National Teachers College, Mubende
National Teachers College, Muni
National Teachers College, Unyama
Nsamizi Training Institute of Social Development
Ophthalmic Clinical Officers Training School
School of Clinical Officers, Fortportal
School of Clinical Officers, Gulu
School of Clinical Officers, Mbale
School of Hygiene, Mbale
Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing
The Crested Crane Hotel and Tourism Training Centre

Uganda College of Commerce, Aduku
Uganda College of Commerce, Kabale
Uganda College of Commerce, Pakwach
Uganda College of Commerce, Soroti
Uganda College of Commerce, Tororo
Uganda Cooperative College, Kigumba
Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology
Uganda Management Institute
Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi
Uganda Technical College, Elgon
Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba
Uganda Technical College, Lira
Uganda Wildlife Training Institute, Kasese

Private Institutes

African College of Commerce
Ankole Western Institute of Science and Technology
College of Professional Development
Datamine Business School
Ernest Cook Ultra Sound and Educational Centre
Great Lakes Regional College
Institute of Advanced Leadership, Uganda
International School of Business and Technology
Kabale Institute of Health Sciences
Kabalenga College, Masindi
Kampala Evangelical School of Theology
Makerere Business Institute
Makerere Institute of Social Development
Management and Accountancy Training Co. Ltd
Medicare Health Professionals College
Michelangelo College of Creative Arts
Mildmay Centre
Multitech Accountancy Programme
Nagenda International Academy of Art and Design
Nile Institute of Management Studies
Nyamitanga College of Business Studies
Pearl Crest Hospitality Training Institute
Psychological Training Institute
Skills Resource Center
St. Joseph Polytechnic Institute
Team Business College
Uganda Baptist Seminary
Uganda Bible Institute
Uganda Institute of Bankers
Uganda Martyrs Seminary, Namugongo
YMCA Comprehensive Institute

Educational Authorities and Accrediting Bodies

Uganda National Examination Board

<http://www.uneb.ac.ug/>

Ministry of Education and Sports

<http://www.education.go.ug/>

National Council for Higher Education

<http://www.unche.or.ug/>

Notes

The National Council for Higher Education in Uganda has released a list of universities that are operating illegally and instructed them to close immediately. The five universities have been blacklisted because they didn't meet minimum qualifications, presumably that their programs were not accredited by the National Council for Higher Education. The illegally-operating institutions are: Latin University of Theology, Luweero University, Nile University, Global Open University, and Central Buganda University.