

Admission standards at the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU-Boulder) are competitive, and students are expected to have excellent academic records. This chart describes credential and grade standards expected by CU-Boulder. Students who meet or exceed the credential or grade standards are encouraged to apply. However, meeting the minimum credential and grade requirements does not guarantee admission to any degree program at the university. Each degree program

may vary in terms of its admission requirements with respect to course preparation, grade requirements, standardized test results, and English proficiency. In addition to these credentials, graduate students are also evaluated on the basis of research background and recommendation letters. Each applicant's records are evaluated on an individual basis. This chart is to be used for prescreening purposes only. Undergraduate transfer students should refer to the guidelines for both under-

graduate and graduate students, and are expected to meet the secondary as well as tertiary grade standards listed on the chart. The prescreening guide includes some of the countries from which we receive applications. Since we receive applications from almost 100 countries, we cannot present a comprehensive chart. If your country is not listed on the chart and you possess an excellent academic record, you are encouraged to apply for admission.

Freshman and Transfer Applicants

Country	Secondary School Credential Required ¹	Grade Standard	Grading Scale	Tertiary School Credential Required ¹	Grade Standard	Grading Scale
Argentina	Bachillerato	6	0-10	Licenciado	6	0-10
Australia	Year 12 Senior Certificate	B	A-E; Varies ²	4-year Bachelor's, Honours Degree, or Postgraduate Diploma	B	A-E; Varies ⁵
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (Intermediate Certificate)	45; Div. II	0-100; Div. I, II, III, P, F	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	50; Div. II	0-100; Div. I, II, III, P, F
Bolivia	Bachiller en Humanidades	5	1-7	Licenciado	77	0-100
Brazil	Certificado de Conclusao de Segundo Grau	6	0-10	Bacharelado, Licenciado, or Titulo	B; 7	A-F; 0-10
Bulgaria	Diploma of Completed Secondary Education (12 years)	4	2-6	Diploma of Completed Higher Education	4	2-6
Canada	Grade XII or XIII diploma	65	0-100; Varies ³	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	65	0-100; Varies ³
Cayman Islands	Secondary School Certificate (CXC)	3	1-5	A-levels plus Bachelor's Degree	Div. II Honours	Div. I, II, P, F
Chile	Licencia de Educacion Media	5	0-7	Licenciado	5	0-7
China (PRC) ⁴	Senior Middle School Diploma	80	0-100	4-year Bachelor's Degree	76	0-100; Varies ⁵
Colombia	Bachiller	60	0-100	Licenciado	3.5	0-5
Costa Rica	Bachillerato	80	0-100	Licenciado	80	0-100
Cyprus	Apolyterion or Lise Diplomasi	16	0-20	Bachelor's Degree	B	A-F
Czech Republic	Certificate of Maturity Examination	3	1-5	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	2	1-4
Denmark	Studentereksamen Bevis	9	0-13	4-year Degree (Candidatus or Civilingenior)	7	0-13
Ecuador	Bachillerato	8	0-10	Licenciado	32	0-40
Egypt	General Secondary Education Certificate	75	0-100	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	70	0-100; Varies
Ethiopia	Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate Examination	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	B; 3; 80	A-F; 0-4; 0-100
France	Baccalaureat	12	0-20	Maitrise	12	0-20
Germany	Abitur	2	1-6	Vordiplom plus 2 semesters	2.5	1-6
Greece	Apolyterion	6	0-10	Ptychion (4-year program)	6	1-10
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Certificate of Education	3	1-9	Bachelor's Degree	B	A-F
Iceland	Studentsprof	6	0-10	3-4-year Bachelor's Degree	6	0-10
India ⁴	All-India or 12-year Secondary School Certificate	55; Div. II	0-100; Div. I, II, III, F	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years) or 3-year Bachelor's Degree plus 1 year of Master's Degree in same field	55; Div. II	0-100; Div. I, II, III, F
Indonesia	SMA or Certificate of Completion of Upper Secondary School	7	1-10	Sarjana (S1)	7	1-10; Varies ⁵
Iran	12-year Secondary School Certificate	15	0-20	4-year Licence/Karshenas	15	0-20
Iraq	Baccalaureate for the Preparatory Schools	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	65	0-100
Ireland	Leaving Certificate (12 years)	C	A-F	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	55	0-100
Israel	Bagrut Examination	7	0-10	4-year Bachelor's Degree	75	0-100; Varies ⁵
Italy	Diploma di Maturita	46	0-60	Laurea	24	0-30

Graduate Applicants (Grade standards apply to undergraduate transfer applicants)

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Country	Secondary School Credential Required ¹	Grade Standard	Grading Scale	Tertiary School Credential Required ¹	Grade Standard	Grading Scale	
Japan	Secondary School Diploma	4	1-5	Bachelor's Degree	B; 70	A-F; 0-100	
Jordan	Tawjihi	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	B; 70	A-F; 0-100	
Kazakhstan	Attestat	4	2-5	Diplom (4-5 year program)	4	2-5	
Korea	Senior High School Diploma	B	A-F	Bachelor's Degree	B	A-F; Varies ⁵	
Kuwait	Secondary School Certificate	80	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	5	0-9	
Lebanon	Baccalaureat	12	1-20	4-year Licence	12; 75	0-20; 0-100	
Malaysia	Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM)	4	1-9	Bachelor's Degree	B	A-F	
Mexico	Bachillerato	7	1-10 (6=Pass)	4-year Licenciado or Titulo	8	0-10 (7=Pass)	
Nepal	Grade 12 School Leaving Certificate (Proficiency Certificate)	45	0-100	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	50; Div. II	0-100; Div. I, II, III	
Netherlands	VWO Diploma	7	0-10	HBO	7	0-10	
New Zealand	Sixth Form Certificate	5	1-9	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	B	A-F	
Nigeria	Senior School Certificate	6	1-9	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	B	A-F	
Norway	Vitnemal	4	0-6	Candidatus or Sivlingenior	2.4	0-6; Varies ⁵	
Oman	General Secondary Certificate (Thanawiya)	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	B; 80	A-F; 0-100	
Pakistan	Higher Secondary Certificate (Intermediate Certificate)	55; Div. II	0-100; Div. I, II, III, F	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	B; 55	A-F; 0-100; Varies	
Peru	Certificado de Educacion Superior en Secundaria Comun Completa or Bachiller	12	0-20; Varies	Grado de Bachiller or Titulo de Licenciado	13	0-20; Varies	
Philippines	High School Diploma	B; 2.25	A-F; 1-5	Bachelor's Degree	B; 2.25	A-F; 1-5	
Poland	Maturity Certificate	4	1-6	Dyplom (total 16 years)	4	2-5	
Qatar	General Secondary Education Certificate	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	B; 4	A-F; 0-5	
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat (12 years) or Diploma de Maturitate	7	1-10	Diploma de Licenta	7	0-10	
Russian Fed.	Attestat	4	2-5	Diplom (4-5 year program)	4	2-5	
Saudi Arabia	Secondary School Certificate	80	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	80	0-100	
Singapore	5 General Certificate of Education O-Level passes	4	1-9	4-year Bachelor's or Honours Degree	B	A-E	
South Africa	Senior Certificate	60	0-100	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	60; Class II	0-100; Class I, II, III, F	
Spain	Bachiller and Curso de Orientacion Universitaria (COU)	6	1-10	Licenciado or 4-year university degree	6	0-10	
Sri Lanka	General Certificate of Education A-Levels	50	0-100	Bachelor's Degree (Special)	B; 55	A-F; 0-100	
Sudan	Higher Secondary School Certificate	B; 50	A-F; 0-100	Bachelor's Degree (total 16 years)	B; 50	A-F; 0-100	
Sweden	Avgangsbtetyg/Slutbetyg (12 years)	4	1-5	Filosofie Kandidat or 4-year university degree	4	1-7	
Switzerland	Maturity Certificate	7	0-10	Licence or Diplom	4.5	0-6	
Taiwan (ROC)	Senior High School Diploma	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	75	0-100	
Thailand	Higher Certificate of Education	70	0-100	Bachelor's Degree	70	0-100	
Turkey	State Lise Graduation Diploma	7	1-10	Bachelor's Degree, Lisans or Muhendis	7	1-10	
Ukraine	Attestat	4	2-5	Specialist Diploma	4	2-5	
United Kingdom	5 General Certificate of Secondary Education passes	C	A-G	Bachelor's Degree	Div. II	Div. I, II, III, P, F	
USSR	Attestat	4	1-5	5-year Diplom	4	1-5	
Venezuela	Bachiller	13	1-20	Licenciado or 4-year university degree	13	1-20; Varies ⁵	
Vietnam	Bang Tot Nghiep Pho Thong	6	0-10	Diploma of Graduation from a University	6	0-10	
Yugoslavia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	7	0-10	Diploma (total 16 years)	7	1-10	

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