

Ecuador

Educational Timeline

- School year: September to June; Graduation occurs in June
- Primary school (*Educación Primaria*) is six years followed by three years of lower secondary school (Ciclo Básico) followed by three years of upper secondary school (*Ciclo Diversificado*)

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>Bachiller/Bachillerato</i>	High School Diploma
-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Promoción</i>) for three years of upper secondary school	

<i>Bachiller/Bachillerato</i> with a specialization (e.g. <i>Humanidades, Ciencias</i>)	High School Diploma with Specialization
-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Promoción</i>) for three years of upper secondary school	

<i>Bachillerato Técnico/Commercial</i>	Vocational High School Diploma
-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Promoción</i>) for three years of upper secondary school	

<i>Maestro Normal</i>	Teaching Diploma
-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Promoción</i>) for three years of upper secondary school	

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

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

<i>Certificado de Suficiencia en los Estudios Primarios</i>	Certificate of Sufficiency in Primary Studies
<i>Certificado de Término de Noveno Grado</i>	Certificate of Completion of Ninth Grade
<i>Certificado de Término de Ciclo Básico</i>	Certificate of Completion of Basic Cycle
<i>Técnico Auxiliar</i>	Assistant Technician
<i>Técnico Básico</i>	Basic Technician

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on each of the three *Certificado de Promoción* (one for each year of upper secondary school) to US equivalents and convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted. If an average, or *promedio parcial de rendimiento/nota promedio* is given for all three school years, take the average of the three yearly *notas promedios* and convert to US equivalent and then to quality points. If a *numérica calificación* (overall grade) is listed on the diploma issued by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education, convert that overall grade to a US equivalent and then to quality points.

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

20-point scale

Description	Translation	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
<i>Sobresaliente</i>	Excellent	19.00-20.00	A	4
<i>Muy Bueno</i>	Very Good	16.00-18.99	B+	3
<i>Bueno</i>	Good	14.00-15.99	B	3
<i>Regular</i>	Average	12.00-13.99	C	2 lowest passing grade
<i>Insuficiente</i>	Insufficient	0.00-11.99	F	0

10-point scale

Description	Translation	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
<i>Sobresaliente</i>	Excellent	9.0-10	A	4
<i>Bueno</i>	Good	8.0-8.9	B	3
<i>Regular</i>	Average	7.0-7.9	C	2 lowest passing grade
<i>Arrastre</i>	Fail	0.00-6.9	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 Humanidades*) 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).

Universidad

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Escuela Politécnica

Polytechnic School

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