

Caribbean – British Patterned

Includes Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize*, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands

Educational Timeline

- School year: August to May or September to June with exam dates in June (alternative external exam dates offered in November or December)
- Primary school is six years followed by five years of secondary school
- After completion of the initial five years of secondary school, students can extend high school graduation by enrolling at the first possible opportunity in one of the programs listed under “Allowable Continuing Secondary Extension”

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. Students presenting academic timelines other than the allowable time frames outlined below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

1st Graduation Point:

Caribbean Examination Council Caribbean Secondary Education Certificates (CXC CSEC)

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for five years of secondary school
- Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes in different subjects are achieved

(International) General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE/IGCSE)

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for five years of secondary school
- Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes in different subjects are achieved

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level)

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for five years of secondary school
- Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes in different subjects are achieved

Allowable Continuing Secondary Extension:

Caribbean Examination Council Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CXC CAPE)

- The student must enroll at the first possible opportunity and complete the two-year program, achieving two or more exam passes to extend the graduation date by two years beyond the initial point of graduation
- Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and academic records/transcripts for secondary school

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-Level)

- The student must enroll at the first possible opportunity and complete the two-year program, achieving two or more exam passes to extend the graduation date by two years beyond the initial point of graduation
- Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and academic records/transcripts for secondary school

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

- The student must enroll at the first possible opportunity and complete the two-year program to extend the graduation date by two years beyond the initial point of graduation
- Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and academic records/transcripts for secondary school

*Belize High School Diploma or Graduation Certificate

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for four years of secondary school

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

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Barbados Secondary School Certificate Part 1
Belize Junior Achievement Test (BJAT)
Common Entrance Examination (CEE)
Junior Secondary Programme Examination (JSPE)
Junior High School Certificate (Jamaica)
Jamaica School Certificate (JSC)
Secondary School Certificate (SSC) (Jamaica)
School-issued leaving certificates or high school graduation certificates
Senior Primary/Minimum Standard Examination (St. Lucia)
School Leaving Certificate Examination (Grenada)
Secondary School Entrance Examination (Guyana)
Secondary School Proficiency Examination Part II (Guyana)
Test of Standards (Anguilla)

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA using all exam grades earned on official exam certificates listed in "Group A" above. Exam results listed on documents other than official exam certificates issued from the examination bodies (e.g. transcripts or letters from schools) cannot be used to calculate the GPA. Convert each exam grade to a US equivalent using the corresponding scale(s) below and convert to quality points. All exam grades are used and are weighted equally in the calculation with the exception of AICE exams, which specify the units/credits taken.

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

CXC CSEC

Written Grade	Profile Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	US Quality Points	
One	Outstanding	I	A	4	
Two	Good	II	B	3	
Three	Fairly Good	III	C	2	
Four	Moderate	IV	D	1	
Five	Weak	V	D	1	lowest passing grade
Six	Poor	VI	F	0	

GCSE and IGCSE

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	C	2	
F,G	D	1	lowest passing grade
H or ungraded	F	0	

GCSE (2017 to present)

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
7,8,9	A	4	
5,6	B	3	
4	C	2	lowest passing grade
1,2,3	F	0	
U	F	0	

GCE O-Level

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	C	2	
D	D	1	
E	D	1	lowest passing grade
F, G, H	F	0	

CXC CAPE

Written Grade	Profile Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	US Quality Points	
One	Excellent	I	A	4	
Two	Very Good	II	A	4	
Three	Good	III	B	3	
Four	Satisfactory	IV	C	2	
Five	Acceptable	V	C	2	
Six	Weak	VI	D	1	lowest passing grade
Seven	Unsatisfactory	VII	F	0	

GCE AS-Level and A-Level

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	C	2	lowest passing grade
N,O,U	F	0	

AICE

Letter Grade	Profile Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	US Quality Points
A	Outstanding	I	A	4
B	Good	II	B	3
C	Fairly Good	III	C	2
D	Moderate	IV	D	1
E	Weak	V	D	1
F	Poor	VI	F	0

Class Ranking

Class rank is determined based on official overall rank at the time of graduation as it appears on the school's official transcripts. If no such ranking appears on official transcripts, 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 the student's 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).

CAPE Registration Letter

For students enrolled in upper secondary school (i.e. Sixth Form, CAPEs) in the term directly preceding NAIA enrollment, a letter written and signed by a school official dated March 1st of the current year or later is required. The letter confirms the student's enrollment status, the end date of the program, and a list of the total subjects and level of the exams the student is registered to sit.

Assuming GPA requirements are met, the CAPE registration letter allows for earlier processing of NAIA eligibility for students going directly from upper secondary studies to enrollment at an NAIA member institution in consecutive semesters. If a CAPE registration letter is not available, the student must provide CAPE results (issued by CXC) once available before receiving an eligibility determination.

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).

University
Institute
Community/Junior College
Teacher College
State College
Technical College/Polytechnic

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