

# Mauritania

## Background

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| Academic Calendar                     | October-June                                                                       |
| What is year nine called?             | 3ème                                                                               |
| Where is year nine typically located? | Final year lower secondary                                                         |
| Native Language(s)                    | Arabic                                                                             |
| <b>Graduation Timeline</b>            |                                                                                    |
| 6+3+3+12                              | Six years primary, three years of lower secondary, three years of upper secondary. |

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### 1. Diplome du Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement du Secondaire [Diploma of Secondary School]

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Timeline of Completion         | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body                            | Secondary school                                                             |
| First Available Date of Issue (Typical) | May-June                                                                     |

## NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### 1. Brevet d'Etudes du Premier Cycle (BEPC) [Lower Secondary School Certificate]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body                    | Lower secondary school certificate                                           |

## GRADING SCALES

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points | Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 16-20         | A                     | 4              | 10-11.99      | C                     | 2              |
| 14-15.99      | A                     | 4              | 8-9.99*       | D                     | 1              |
| 12-13.99      | B                     | 3              | 0.00-9.99     | F                     | 0              |

**\*Note: Conceded Pass**—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade “D”) only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

