

GHANA

Higher Education

The university of Ghana, founded in 1948, is the oldest and largest public university in Ghana. Most courses are offered in the lecture format. 100 and 200 level courses are for general requirements, 300 and 400 level courses are for students majoring in the subject.

Academic Calendar

The university calendar consists of two 16-week semesters with a 6-week break in between. The ISEP program in Ghana includes one week of orientation at the beginning of each semester, followed by two semesters, each containing 13 teaching weeks, 1 week for revision and 2 weeks of exams.

Grading

Letter grades from Ghana are equivalent to U.S. letter grades. Other letter grades such as I, Y, X, and Z may be issued to denote an incomplete or other special notice. The university of Ghana provides explanations regarding all letter grades on the backs of their transcripts.

Grade	Percentage	Description	Credits
A	80-100	Outstanding	4.0
B+	75-79	Very good	3.5
B	70-74	Fairly good	3.0
C+	65-69	Good	2.5
C	60-64	Average	2.0
D+	44-49	Below average	1.0
D	50-54	Marginal pass	1.0
E	45-49	Unsatisfactory	0.5
F	0-44	Fail	0.0

Each grade is assigned an equivalent Grade Point (GP) as indicated above. The number of grade points earned by a student for each course completed is computed as the product of the number of credits for the course and the grade point equivalent of the grade obtained in the course.

The student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points obtained, up to any specific time, by the total number for credits of all courses for which the student has registered up to that time.

The final grade point average (FGPA) is the CGPA for all courses under consideration calculated up to the end of a student's academic program.

Course Load and Credit Equivalency

Credits listed for international students on a transcript from the University of Ghana are equivalent to U.S. credits.

Ghanaian students follow a structured curriculum specific to the degree they are pursuing. The actual number of hours in class varies according to the department or subject and the amount of work expected from students outside of class. One course credit is defined per week for a semester as one of the following: one-hour lecture, one -hour tutorial, one practical session of two to three hours, or six hours of field work.

Number of classes a typical student takes per term: 5

Number of hours per week a typical student spends in class: 15

Number of weeks per term: 16