

International College Level Exam Credit

The Who, What, When, Where and Why

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- General Certificate of Education (**GCE A Levels**)
- Caribbean Proficiency Examination Council (**CAPE**)
- Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (**SSCE**)
 - Senior Secondary Certificate (SSC)

Credit by Exam?

Or just Exam?

A Levels

The What

General

Certificate

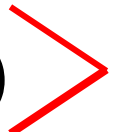
Examination

Advanced Levels

Two Types of A Levels

**Qualifications
and Curriculum
Authority (QCA)
Awarding Bodies**

**Cambridge
International
Examination (CIE)**

- Academic qualification for university
 - -require 5 or more A*-C grades in GCSE/IGSCE
- Studied over two years
 - 1st year: Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS)  A
 - 2nd year: Advanced Level (A2)
 - No subject requirements

Year 1

- Students take **4** or more **AS** level titles
- Usually take **1** or more **AS** level **examinations**

Year 2

- Continue with **3** or more **A** level titles
- Typically **core** titles

- Students create their schedules with combinations of A level titles (266) and AS level titles (264)
**offered by awarding bodies

A Level Grading Scale

A Level

Grade	Percentage
A*	90+ average in A2 units, with 80+ average overall
A	80+
B	70-79
C	60-69
D	50-59
E	40-49

AS Level

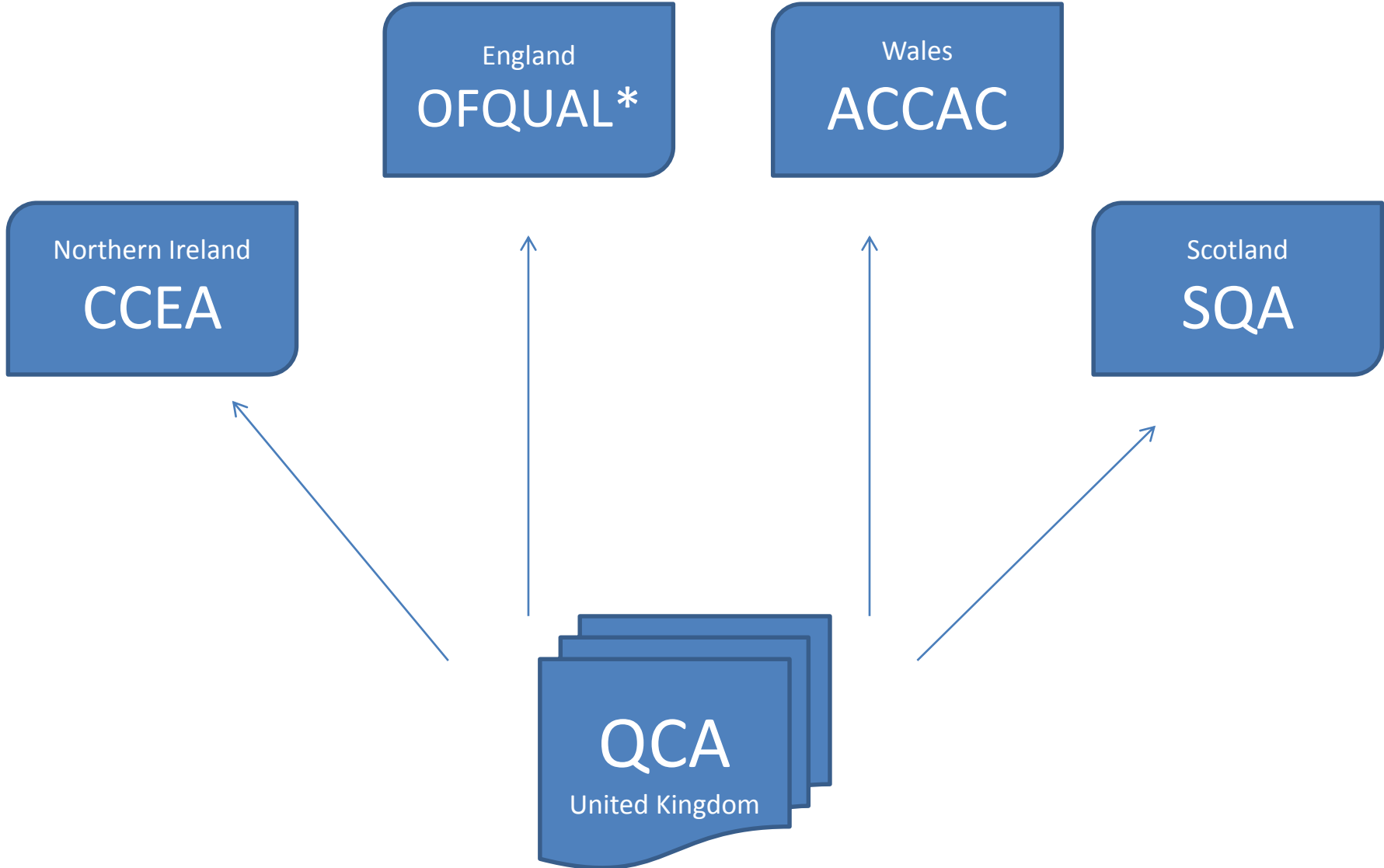
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The Who

QCA

- Sponsored by the Department of Education and Skills
- Governed by board who are appointed by Secretary of State
- “Develops National Curriculum and associated examinations; and accredits and monitors qualifications in college and at work.”
- Works with constituent countries and their subsidiary awarding bodies





CIE

- Division of the Cambridge Assessment
- Recognized by Ofqual to award qualifications in the UK
- “Our mission is to deliver world-class international education through the provision of high-quality curricula, assessments and services”
- Cambridge International A level exams offered in more than 125 countries

Cambridge International A Levels

- Administered internationally and in the UK
- Syllabuses are culturally based; offer greater variety
- Linear syllabuses

United Kingdom A Levels

- Administered mainly in the UK (Edexcel offers international versions)
- Syllabuses vary slightly, but comparable to one another
- Prior to September 2012: modular syllabus
 - Students may retake portions
 - Transitioning to a linear syllabus

Awarding Bodies

- **AQA – Assessment and Qualifications Alliance**
 - England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland
- **OCR- Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations**
 - England, Northern Ireland, Wales
- **Edexcel- Pearson Education**
 - England, Northern Ireland, Wales
 - International A-levels *
- **WJEC- Welsh Joint Education Committee**
 - Wales, England, Northern Ireland
- **CCEA- Council for Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment**
 - Northern Ireland



The Where

United Kingdom



England

Wales

Northern Ireland

Scotland



Malaysia

Mauritius



British Crown Dependencies

Singapore



Brunei

Seychelles



The When

AGE		YR	Level
16-18			Sixth Form/ A level
15-16		11	Stage 4/ GCSE
14-15		10	
13-14		9	
12-13		8	Stage 3
11-12		7	
10-11		6	
9-10		5	Stage 2
8-9		4	
7-8		3	
6-7		2	Stage 1
5-6		1	
0-5			

16-18	Compulsory Education		6 th Form College
15-16		11	Secondary School
14-15		10	
13-14		9	
12-13		8	
11-12		7	
10-11		6	
9-10		5	
8-9		4	
7-8		3	
6-7		2	
5-6	1		
0-5			

UK Education Structure

The Why

1) University

2) Specialization

3) Internationally recognized

CAPE

The What

C Caribbean

A Advanced

P Proficiency

E Examination

CAPE Grading Scale

Overall Grade: I-VII
Modular Grade: A - G

I	A	Excellent	Shows an excellent grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus
II	B	Very Good	Shows a very good grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus
III	C	Good	Shows a good grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus
IV	D	Satisfactory	Shows a good grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus
V	E	Acceptable	Shows an acceptable grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus
VI	F	Limited	Shows a limited grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus
VII	G	Very Limited	Shows a very limited grasp of the principles, concepts and skills contained in the syllabus

- Created in 1998 by Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC)
 - Replaced GCE A Level in 2006
 - Expand access to higher education
 - Specific to Caribbean region

- 30 syllabuses
 - 1 or 2 units (years)
 - Each comprised of 3 modules
 - Must take Caribbean Studies, Communication Studies

The Who

CXC

- Established 1972 by 16 participating governments
- Council: Vice chancellors, representatives of governments and regional universities
- “syllabuses of the highest quality; valid and reliable examinations and certificates of international repute for students of all ages, abilities and interests”
- Recognized by UK NARIC: advisory service of UK government for international qualifications

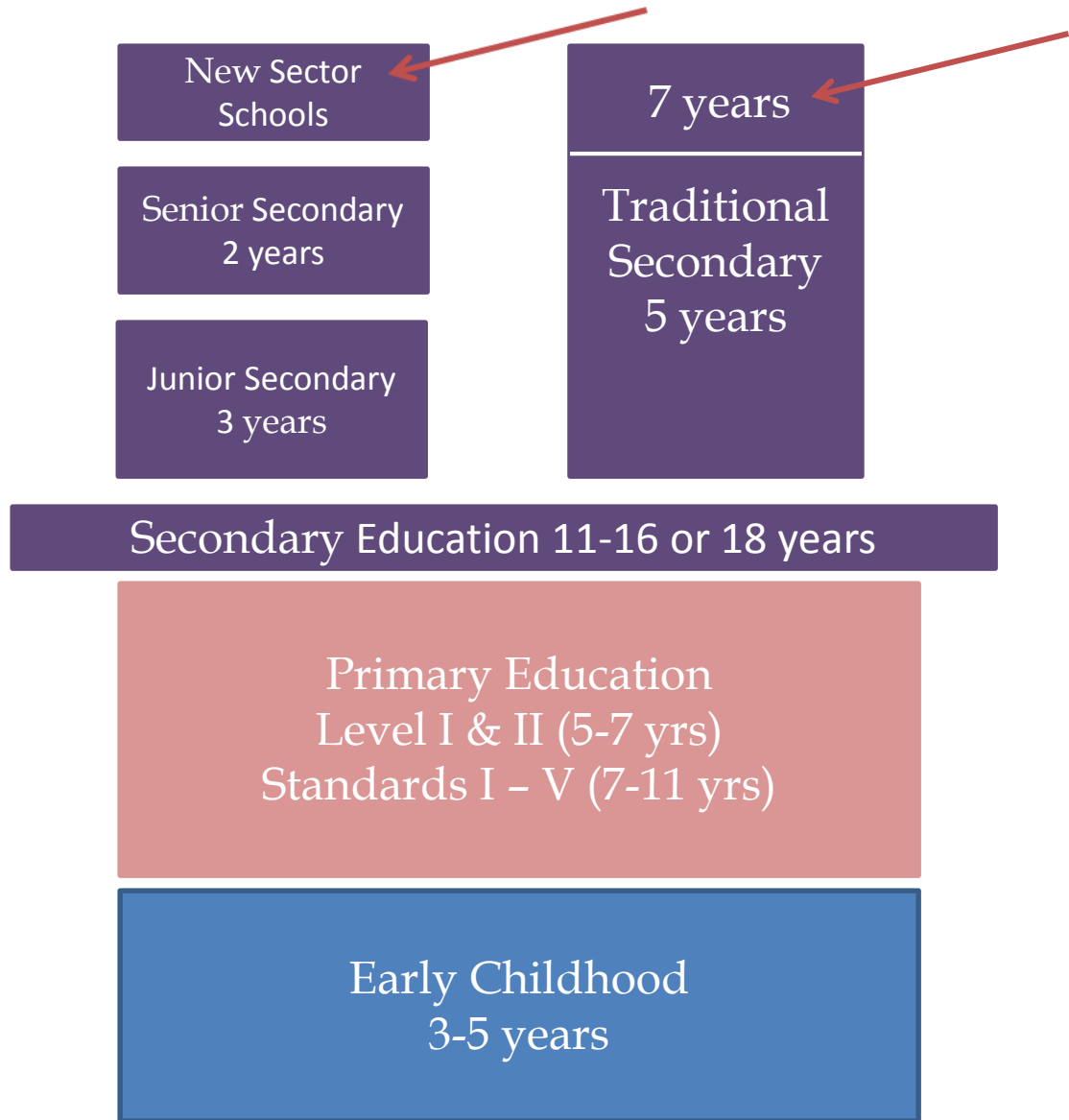


The Where



16 Participating Territories, 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 Turks and Caicos Islands.

The When



Trinidad & Tobago Education Structure

The Why

- University
 - require successfully passing 5 CSCE subjects
- Three options:
 - 1) Award
 - 2) Diploma= 6 units
 - 3) Associates degree
- Articulation agreements with Caribbean and international universities
 - Varies between the Associates degree, award and diploma

SSCE

The What

Senior

School

Certificate

Examination

- School leaving examination
- Minimum of 8 subjects, maximum of 9
 - Math and English required
- Two testing dates:
 - May/June: Public candidates
 - November/December: Private candidates
 - results can be combined

SSCE Grading Scale

A1	75-100%	Excellent
B2	70-74%	Very Good
B3	65-69%	Good
C4	60-64%	Credit
C5	55-59%	Credit
C6	50-54%	Credit
D7	45-49%	Pass
E8	40-44%	Pass
F9	0-39%	Fail

The Who

Two Main Awarding Bodies

**West African
Examination Council
(WAEC)**

**National
Examinations
Council (NECO)**

WAEC

- Established 1952
- “To be a world-class examining body adding value to the educational goals of its stakeholders”
- Administered by council from the representing countries
 - National offices
- Recognized by the Association for Educational Assessment (AEAA)

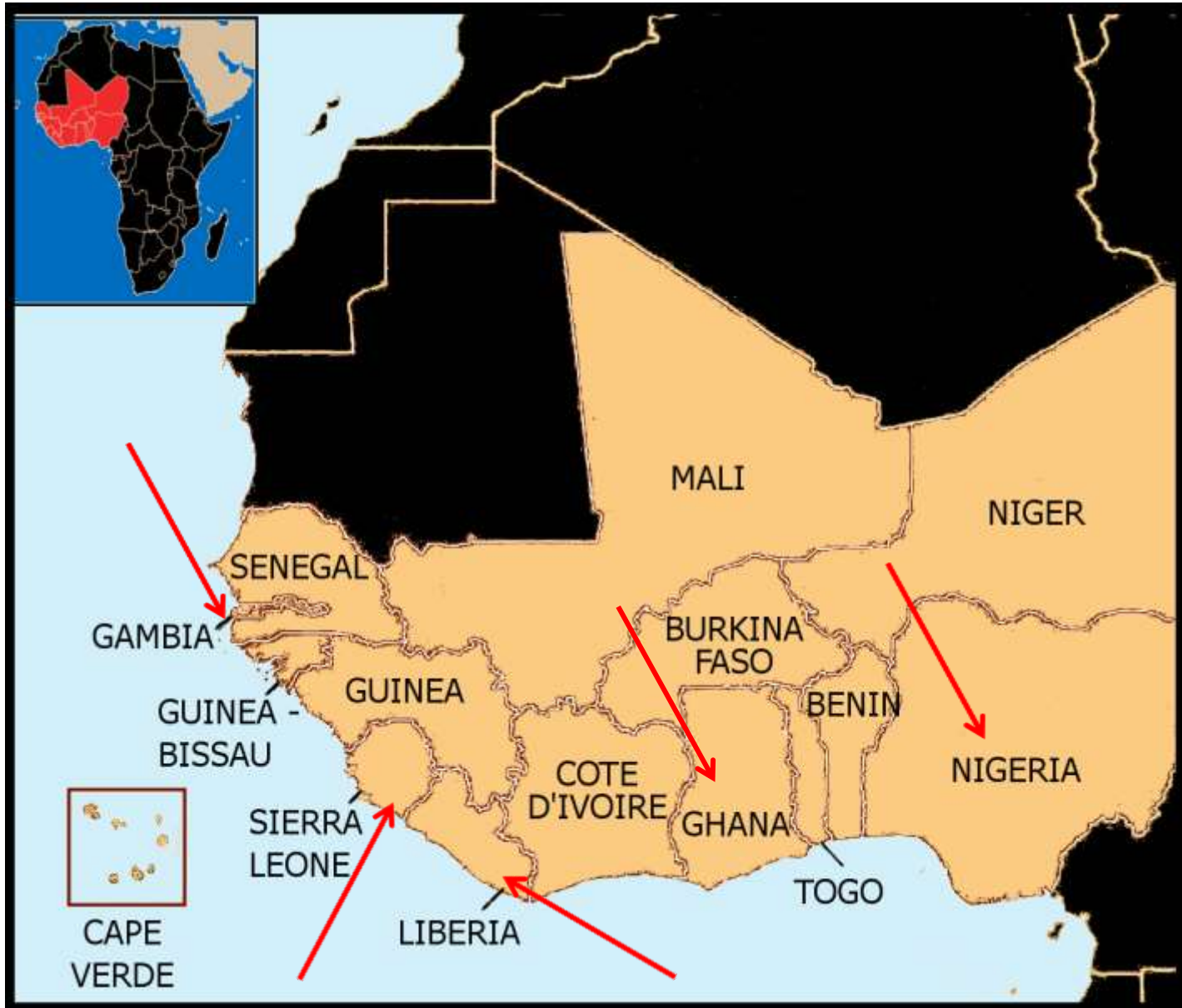


NECO

- Nigeria
- Established 1992; first SSCE 2000
- Create more opportunities for Nigerians
- Governing board
- Recognized by the Association for Educational Assessment (AEAA)



The Where



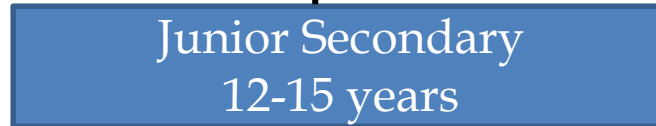
**Anglophonic Countries

The When

Senior Secondary Certificate



JS Certificate Examination



Nigeria Education Structure

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The Why

- Regional and international universities
 - Eliminate transparencies across bounders
- Specialization
 - Average credit level C6
 - Competitive: 75% passes
- Employment

2nd Year Post Secondary
17-18 years

- A Level- UK
- A Level- Cambridge Intl
- CAPE Diploma- Caribbean

1st Year Post-Secondary
16-17 years

- AS Level- UK
- AS Level- Cambridge Intl
- CAPE Awards- Caribbean

Secondary School
11-16 years

- GCSE- UK
- IGCSE- Cambridge Intl
- CSCE- Caribbean
- SSEC- Africa

Evaluation Services

- Association of International Credential Evaluation (AICE)



- National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)



A Levels

“Completion of a full **GCE A Level** is considered comparable to completion of two consecutive, first-year undergraduate courses in a given subject (e.g. Math 101 + Math 102). **Thus, we recommend eight U.S. semester credits per subject.**

As **GCE AS Levels** are taken after the first year of sixth form, and comprise half an A level, we recommend **four U.S. semester credits per applicable subject.**

For the completion of **two to three GCE A** or equivalent combination of GCE AS, WES recommends **one semester of undergraduate study**, with a maximum of 24 credits. For **four GCE A** (or 3 GCE A + 1 GCE AS), we recommend **one year of undergraduate study.”**

GCE A Level	US Equivalency
A*	A
A	A
B	A
C	B
D	B
E	C
F	F
O	F
U	F

CAPE

“In examining the syllabus content and duration of CAPE courses, we have concluded that the qualifications resulting from two-subject courses are comparable to **GCE Advanced level** i.e. in the following subjects: **Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, French, History, Literatures in English, Mathematics, Physics and Spanish**” -UK Naric

**awards credit

Grade	Description	U.S. Grade
I	A (Excellent)	A
II	B (Very Good)	B+
III	C (Good)	B
IV	D (Satisfactory)	C
V	E (Acceptable)	C
VI	F (Limited)	F
VII	G (Very Limited)	F

SSCE

***WES makes no recommendations for awarding college level credit

Scale 1	Scale 2	U.S. Grade Equivalents
A/AB	70 – 100	A
B/BC	60 – 69	B+
C/CD	50 – 59	B
D	45 – 49	C
E	40 – 44**	C
F	0 – 39	F

[REDACTED] continued her study at Lansdowne College in London, England. Based on her study at Lansdowne College, [REDACTED] sat for the General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary (GCE "AS") examinations, administered by Oxford Cambridge & RSA Examinations, the Welsh Joint Education Committee and Edexcel, in June 2010, January 2011 and June 2011. Most U.S. institutions of higher education grant up to one semester of advanced standing for subjects passed on the GCE "AS" examinations.

Below is a course-by-course evaluation of [REDACTED] results on the GCE "AS" examinations in terms of U.S. courses, semester credit hours and grades:

<u>COURSES</u>		<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
8AR01	Arabic	3.00	A+
8PH01	Physics	4.00	C

[REDACTED] results on the GCE "AS" examinations are the equivalent of completion of 7 semester credit hours of undergraduate study at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

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received the following results on the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations in terms of U.S. courses, semester credit hours and grades:

<u>COURSES</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
June 2012:		
Accounting (Unit I)	3.00	A+
Communication Studies (Unit I)	3.00	A
Economics (Unit I)	3.00	A+
Management of Business (Unit I)	3.00	B
June 2013:		
Caribbean Studies	3.00	B
Accounting (Unit II)	3.00	A+
Economics (Unit II)	3.00	A+
Management of Business (Unit II)	3.00	A+

combined results on the Caribbean Examination Council Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC/CXC) and the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations are the equivalent of graduation from a college preparatory program at an accredited high school in the United States and completion of 24 semester credit hours of undergraduate study at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

academic high school grade point average in U.S. terms was 3.67.

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Articulation Agreements

CAPE

Oglethorpe University
University of Arkansas
Saint Mary's University
University of South Florida
University of New England

CIE A Levels

Augusta State University
Berry College
Georgia Institute of Tech
University of Georgia
Mercer University

- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Cambridge Pre-U
- Spain's Bachillerato
- Europe's Matura
 - east and central Europe
- France's baccalauréat
- Australia's WACE (Western Australia Certificate of Education)

Resources

A LEVELS

<http://edge.aacrao.org/country/overview/united-kingdom-overview>
http://www.ibe.unesco.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Publications/WDE/2010/pdf-versions/United_Kingdom_England.pdf
<http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-international-as-and-a-levels/uk-changes/>
<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2007-comparability-exam-standards-d-chapter2.pdf>
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http://www.britishcouncil.org/gce_a_level_timetable_june_2014_final-2.pdf
<http://www.oxcoll.com/a-level-syllabus-guide.html>
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<http://wenr.wes.org/2014/02/a-guide-to-the-gce-a-level/>
<http://recognition.cie.org.uk/SearchRecognitionsResults.aspx>

CAPE

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http://handouts.aacrao.org/am07/finished/T0415p_C_Alonzo.pdf

SSCE

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<http://www.refworld.org/docid/4804c0e423.html>
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<http://www.neconigeria.org/corporate/exams.html>
<http://ufm.dk/en/education-and-institutions/recognition-and-transparency/find-assessments/entry-to-higher-education/foreign-qualifications-for-entry-to-higher-education>
<http://www.aeafrica.org/>

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