



The Value of CSEC and CAPE to Candidates

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Participating Countries



Antigua & Barbuda



Cayman Islands



Trinidad & Tobago



Montserrat



Anguilla



Dominica



St. Kitts & Nevis



Barbados



Grenada



St. Lucia



Belize



Guyana



Turks and Caicos Islands



British Virgin Islands



Jamaica



St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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CSEC

First qualification offered by CXC in 1979 in five subjects

Flag-ship examination for Caribbean students exiting high school

Offered in **35** subjects

Construct of CSEC



Subjects of different cognate groups have parity of esteem

Each subject is equivalent to another regardless of cognate group

The syllabus is a two-year programme

Continuous assessment (SBA) is required for each subject

Assessment is criterion-reference based

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- **CSEC General Proficiency**

The General Proficiency offers learners a deeper understanding of the topics covered in the subject and is designed for learners who are likely to pursue studies in the subject beyond the secondary level

- **CSEC Technical Proficiency**

The major difference between the Technical and General Proficiencies is one of orientation. The General provides for a general education while the Technical is focused on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills for technical competence in a subject area

Candidates with Technical Proficiency will accordingly have the skills and knowledge to pursue tertiary education or to be employed at the pre-technician level.

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Additional Mathematics

Biology

Chemistry

English A

Economics

Information Technology

Integrated Science

Mathematics

Office Administration

Caribbean History

Electrical and Electronic Technology

Agricultural Science (SA)

Principles of Business

Principles of Accounts

Social Studies

Geography

Spanish

Physics

Agricultural Science (DA)

Clothing and Textiles

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English (B)

French

Music

Technical Drawing

Theatre Arts

Visual Arts

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Physical Education and Sport

Electronic Document Preparation and Management

Human and Social Biology

Building Technology – Construction

Building Technology – Woods

Food and Nutrition

Home Economics Management

Religious Education

CXC FORMS OF ASSESSMENT



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Grade I

- Shows **COMPREHENSIVE** grasp of concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies

Grade II

- Shows **good** grasp of concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies

Grade III

- Shows **fairly good** grasp of concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies

Grade IV

- Shows **moderate** grasp of concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies

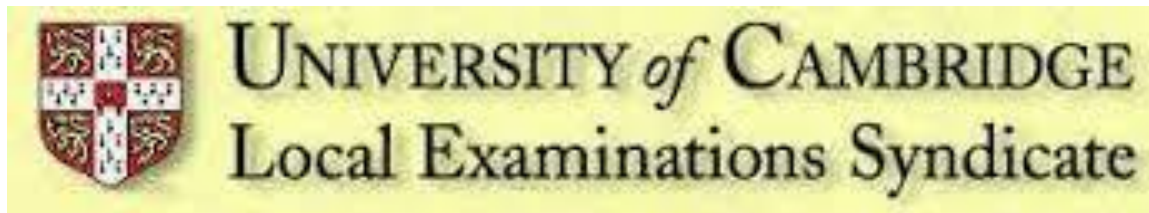
Grade V

- Shows **limited** grasp of concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies

Grade VI

- Shows **very limited** grasp of concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies

CSEC Recognition



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Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has granted equivalence to Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) conducted by Caribbean Examinations Council with minimum of 5 subjects in Grades I & II with Grade 10 Examination of an Indian Board...”

CSEC Recognition

We have found that these results accurately reflect students' academic abilities and preparation for post-secondary study.

SUNY, Plattsburgh

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CAPE

As part of colonial legacy, Caribbean students wrote various UK boards advanced exams

CAPE introduced in 1998 in response to a mandate from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Ministers of Education

Replaced British A' Levels in the Caribbean

Construct of CAPE

- Equivalent in standard to the 'A' level but differing from the 'A' level in its philosophical assumptions and, consequently, its structure
- Subjects are based on Units of study
- Each Unit is an independent course of study
- Provides a unified system of certification designed to encompass current arrangements in sixth forms and to articulate with programmes at community colleges and universities across the region
- Brings academic, and technical and vocational courses of study within a single system of certification

Objectives of CAPE

To provide identifiable components of the post-CSEC system for full equivalence with 'A' levels and other qualifications at a similar level

To satisfy requirements for entry into, and advanced standing at regional and extra-regional universities

To provide qualifications for entry to professional programmes

To provide horizontal articulation between and within subject groups offered in the sixth forms, community colleges and other tertiary institutions

To provide vertical articulation with diplomas and degree programmes offered by the regional universities, and programmes for associate degrees and diplomas offered in community colleges and other tertiary institutions

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Objectives of CAPE

Subjects are structured as **1-Unit** or **2-Unit** courses

Each Unit consists of **three** modules

Each Unit is allocated **150** hours that include contact time and time spent on projects and other assignments

Each 2-Unit course consists of **two 1-Unit** courses designed to cover a well-defined subject area

One-Unit subjects

- Caribbean Studies
- Communication Studies
- Integrated Mathematics

CAPE Qualifications

CAPE Certificate – Successful completion of any CAPE Unit

CAPE Diploma – Successful completion of six Units of CAPE,
including Caribbean Studies

CXC Associate Degree – Successful completion of eight CAPE
Units in a specific course of study

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Grade I

- Shows **EXCELLENT** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

Grade II

- Shows **very good** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

Grade III

- Shows **good** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

Grade IV

- Shows **satisfactory** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

Grade V

- Shows **acceptable** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

Grade VI

- Shows **limited** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

Grade VII

- Shows **very limited** grasp of principles, concepts and skills

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CAPE Subjects

Accounting

Applied Mathematics

History

Art and Design

Physics

Law

Sociology

Spanish

Biology

Management of Business

Literatures in English

Electrical and Electronic Technology

Environmental Science

French

Geography

Geometrical and Mechanical Engineering Drawing

Food and Nutrition

Information Technology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Pure Mathematics

Economics

CAPE New Generation Subjects



CAPE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE



CAPE ENTREPRENEURSHIP



CAPE DIGITAL MEDIA



CAPE TOURISM



CAPE PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT



CAPE PERFORMING ARTS



Logistics and Supply Chain Operations

September 2015



Animation and Game Design

September 2016



Green Engineering

September 2016



Financial Services Studies

September 2016

CAPE Recognition



- Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has granted equivalence to CAPE with a minimum of 5 subjects with +2 stage qualification of an Indian board.
- Candidate having passed CAPE are eligible to join conventional degree programmes at Indian universities.

“Acceptable at the two-Unit level in lieu of GCE A 'Levels on a subject for subject basis.”

UCAS – International Qualifications Booklet 2006

CAPE Recognition



SUNY Plattsburgh has been **awarding transfer credit** for successful completion of CAPE for several years. Students with satisfactory CAPE results enter with advanced standing which enables them to complete their bachelor's degrees in **three (3) years**.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Girard Vogl, International Enrolment Management, SUNY, Plattsburgh

"If you are taking CAPE Unit 2 level exams and score Grades I and II on any of the following subjects, and you are admitted to AU and join our global community, you will receive advanced standing AND credits... We at AU value CAPE and the education that you have receive at home..."

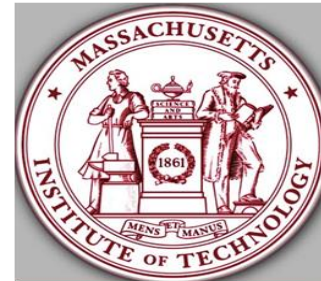
Evelyn Levinson, Director of International Admissions, American University

Mathematics CAPE courses include all the college level topics covered in an Elementary Statistics course plus additional topics from Discrete Mathematics. Students mastering Units 1 and 2 of Applied Mathematics should be able to take more advanced courses in Statistics in college. Students mastering Units 1 and 2 of Pure Mathematics should be ready to continue with second semester Calculus in college.

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