

# *Beyond the Basics:*

## *Confronting Issues and Challenges in the Evaluation of Foreign Credentials*

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2017



# Program

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- Introduction
- Issues in accreditation / recognition, including transnational education
- Obtaining reliable information
- Obtaining official / reliable documentation, including fraudulent documents
- Wrap-up and questions

## Issues in accreditation / recognition, including transnational education

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- What are some of the difficulties you have encountered regarding accreditation and recognition?
- Did you come up with a solution?

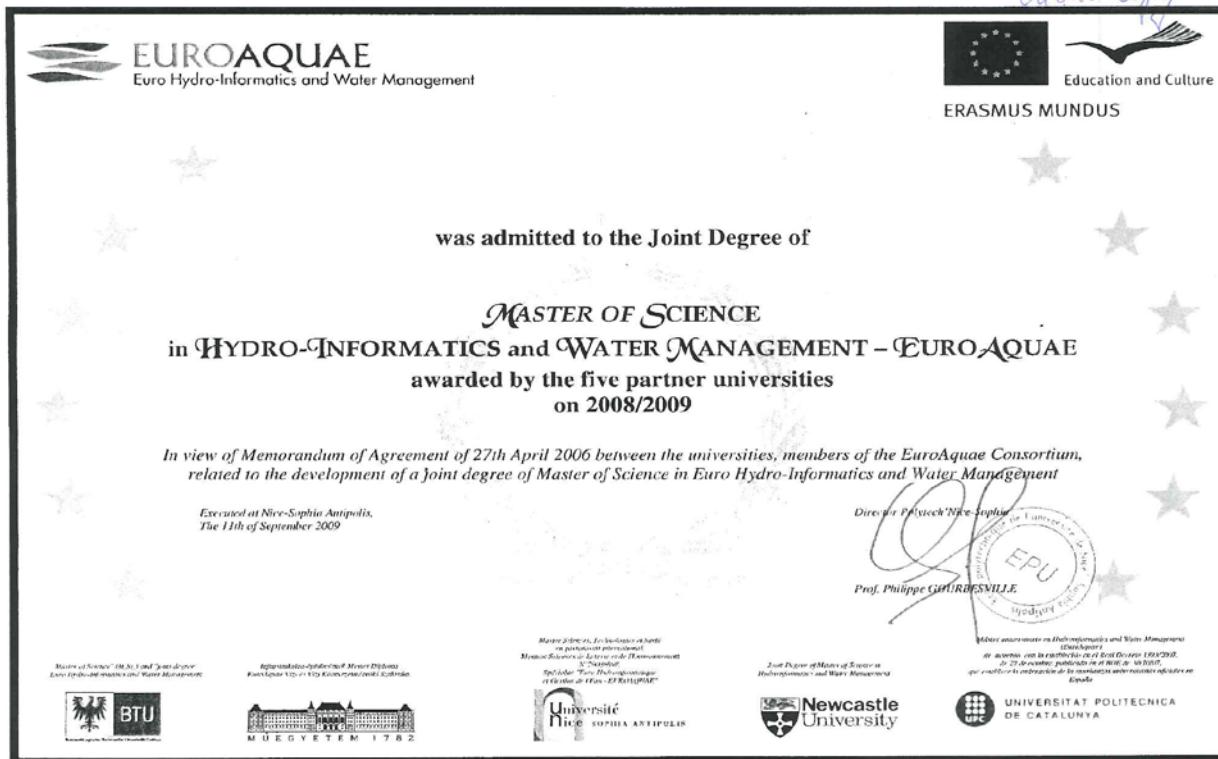
## Cases for group discussion

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Please discuss the example for your group and answer these questions:

- Do you consider these credentials to be accredited/recognized?
- If yes, by whom?
- Would you evaluate the credential(s) in question?
- Why or why not?

# Group 1



# Group 2 (1)

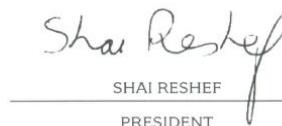
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## University of The People

The Governing Board of University of the People  
on the recommendation of the faculty have conferred upon

the degree of  
**Bachelor of Science**  
in  
**Business Administration**

With all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining.  
Given at the city of Pasadena in the state of California  
this twelfth day of November, two thousand and fourteen.

  
Shai Reshef  
PRESIDENT



  
DAVID H. COHEN  
PROVOST

# Group 2 (2/3)

Student Name		
Date of Birth	Grade	Gender
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Home Address		
12345 Street, City, State, Zip		
Parents/Guardians		

## Official High School Transcript



History/Social Science	Final Grade	Credits
A Brief History of Humankind	A	2.00
Modern World History *	A	2.00
United States History	A	2.00
United States Government / Civics	A	2.00
Economics	A	2.00
English		
Modern & Contemporary American Poetry	A	1.00
Fantasy & Science Fiction	A	1.00
Crafting an Effective Writer	A	1.00
English 3 / 4 Cluster – Advanced *	A	2.00
Language & Composition - AP	A	2.00
Math		
Algebra 1	A	2.00
Intermediate Algebra 2 – Advanced *	A	2.00
Geometry	A	2.00
Trigonometry / Pre-Calculus	A	1.00
Statistics	A	1.00
Science		
Preparation for Introductory Biology: DNA to Organisms	A	1.00
Introduction to Genetics and Evolution	A	1.00
Biology - AP (with Lab) *	A	2.00
Chemistry – Honors (with Lab) *	A	2.00
Physics	A	2.00
Foreign Language		
Spanish 1	A	2.00
Spanish 2	A	2.00
Visual and Performing Arts & Physical Education		
Creating Site-Specific Dance & Performance Works	A	1.00
Circus Arts Performance Group	A	2.00
Professional Circus Arts Preparatory Training Program	A	4.00
Electives		
Introduction to Psychology	A	2.00
Social Psychology	A	2.00
Introduction to Web Programming: HTML/CSS	A	2.00
Intermediate Web Programming: JavaScript, SQL, MySQL	A	2.00

Sierra Coast Academy		
Entry Date	Counselor	Class of
9/1/2012		2016
Exit Date	District	Grad Date
6/15/2016	Private/Homeschool	6/15/2016
Place of Birth		
GA, USA		

Notes		
*	Coursework taken at a local district high school. Copy of transcript is attached. Official transcript has been requested and will be sent to you by school.	
IP	Coursework currently in progress and will be completed by end of school year.	
Grading Scale		
90 -100 =	A	4 points
80 - 89 =	B	3 points
70 - 79 =	C	2 points
60 - 69 =	D	1 point
59 - 0 =	F	0 points
Standardized Tests		
CAHSEE English Total Met - 3/17/2015		
CAHSEE Math Total Met - 5/18/2015		
SAT Reading: 600 – 12/5/2015		
SAT Math: 650 – 12/5/2015		
SAT Writing: 740 – 12/5/2015		
SAT Subject Test: Biology M 770 – 1/23/2016		
SAT Subject Test: Literature 760 – 1/23/2016		
AP Biology Test: 4 / AP Chemistry Test: 3 – 2015		
ACADEMIC SUMMARY		
Cumulative GPA:	4.00	
Credits Earned:	52.00	
Diploma Earned:	06/15/16	
Graduation Date:	06/15/16	

has successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting in accordance with the standards of the State of California.

I do hereby certify and affirm that this is the official transcript and record of academic studies of 2012 – 2016.

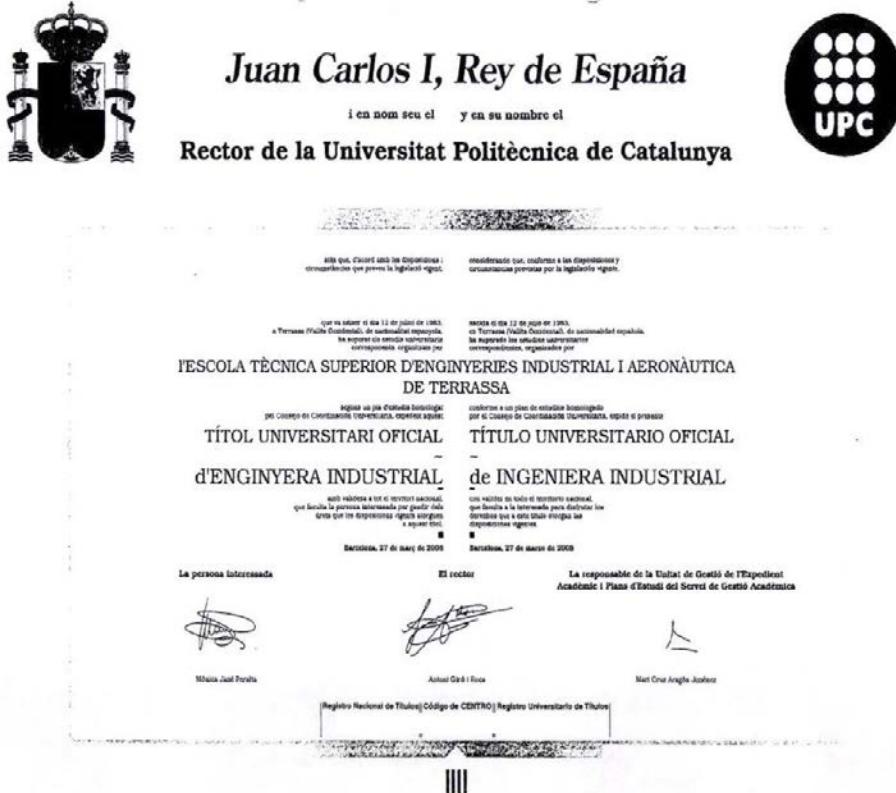


Father/Administrator

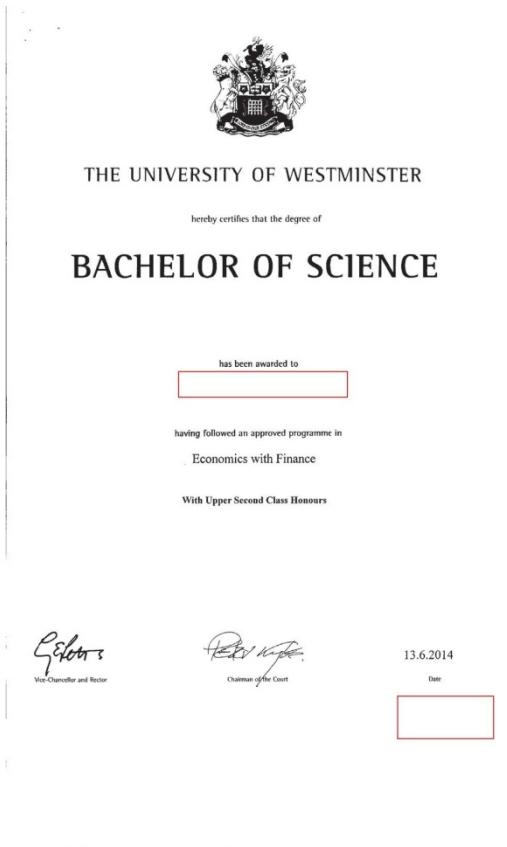
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925 Oak Street Scranton, PA 18515		
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0.0 TRANSFER CREDITS AWARDED		
Student No.:	Program No.: 75211105	Enrollment Date: 09/03/13
Code	Course	Grade
MAD1R	ORIENTATION PENN FOSTER HIGH SCHOOL	100
HTY2	HUMAN RELATIONS	97
HTY3	READING SKILLS	93
HTY4	BASIC ENGLISH	94
HTY5	GENERAL MATH 1	95
HYN6	FITNESS AND NUTRITION	95
MAA4E	AMERICAN HISTORY	93
MM05	PRACTICAL ENGLISH	82
MTY9	CONSUMER MATH	82
MAB4H	EARTH SCIENCE	97
MTZ2	CIVICS	88
MTZ3	WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	76
MA84V	BIOLOGY	82
MBIOR3	BIOLOGY MAKEUP	55
HTZ5	GENERAL MATH 2	65
MAA4U	WORLD GEOGRAPHY	76
MGEOR	WORLD GEOGRAPHY MAKEUP	68
MGEOR2	WORLD GEOGRAPHY MAKEUP	65
MTZ7	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	72
HTZ8	LITERATURE	73
ENG1002	ENGLISH COMPOSITION	78
SSC11003	ESSENTIALS OF PSYCHOLOGY	69
CSC10406	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	88
HUM10203	ART APPRECIATION	65
HUM10403	MUSIC APPRECIATION	78
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Aruba, 09 FEB 2016		
De Inspecteur v/h Onderwijs,  ARUBA		
X Diploma granted 07/24/14		
Diploma to be awarded upon completion of requirements		
2.8 GPA		
03225		
This officially sealed and signed transcript is printed on blue security paper with the name of the institution printed in small type across the face of the document. A raised seal is not required. When photocopied the word 'VOID' should appear. A BLACK AND WHITE OR A COLOR COPY SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.		
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# Group 3 (1)



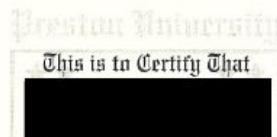
# Group 3 (2)



# Group 4

## Preston University

Kohat - Pakistan



This is to Certify That

Has satisfactorily and completely fulfilled all requirements for the prescribed studies and the examinations of the University, and has, therefore, been admitted to the Degree of



In testimony whereof, this Degree has been issued under authorized signatures  
and official seal of the University, on this fifteenth day of July 2016.

A small black rectangular box used to redact a signature.

Chancellor



An Baloch  
Registrar

## Preston University

United States Of America

Know all to whom these letters shall come that the Directors of the University  
by virtue of the authority vested in them, have conferred on



who has satisfactorily and completely fulfilled all requirements for the  
studies and the examinations of the University required for the Degree of

Master of Science in Information Technology in  
Computer & Communications Networks

with all the Rights, Privileges, and Honors pertaining thereto.

Given on this the thirteenth day of October, 2008

Jerry P. Haenisch  
Chancellor  
Student ID #: 067-01-41282



Mark Blaier  
Registrar  
Document #: 10731  
Issue Date: November 6, 2008

# Validated Degrees

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- What is your organization's policy on degrees awarded on the basis of validated study?
- Should all validated degrees be treated the same way?
  - Example 1 – a degree awarded by a university in the UK on the basis of validated study completed at an associate college
  - Example 2 – a degree awarded by the *Universidad Central de Nicaragua* on the basis of validated study completed through *Universidad Azteca* (Mexico)

# Group 5

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has been awarded the Degree of  
**Bachelor Of Education**  
with *Second Class Honours (2nd Division)*

in

**Education**

21 July 2014



*S A Rice*

Vice Chancellor  
Leeds Metropolitan University

*Kirchel*

Principal  
Bradford College

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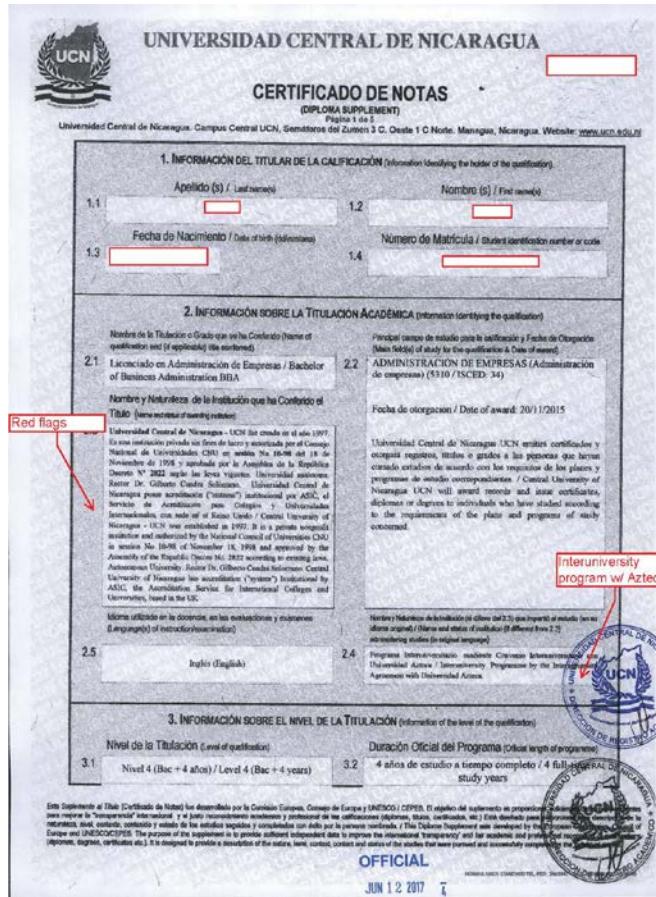
Secretary and Registrar  
Leeds Metropolitan University

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On 23 September 2014 Leeds Metropolitan University will become Leeds Beckett University  
Bradford College & Leeds Metropolitan University in partnership

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# Group 6



## Obtaining reliable information

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You have an applicant with documents from a country from which it is difficult to obtain information.

- Have you found a way to obtain reliable information from that country?
- Have you found a way to ensure the information is correct?
- If you can't verify that the information in the file is accurate, do you have a procedure in place as to how to handle the file?

## On-line verification tools and other resources

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- TAICEP Resource Committee [Online Resources](#)
  - country specific information
  - verification links
  - suggested publications

# Using on-line verification tools



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exet.eduquepsp.cd

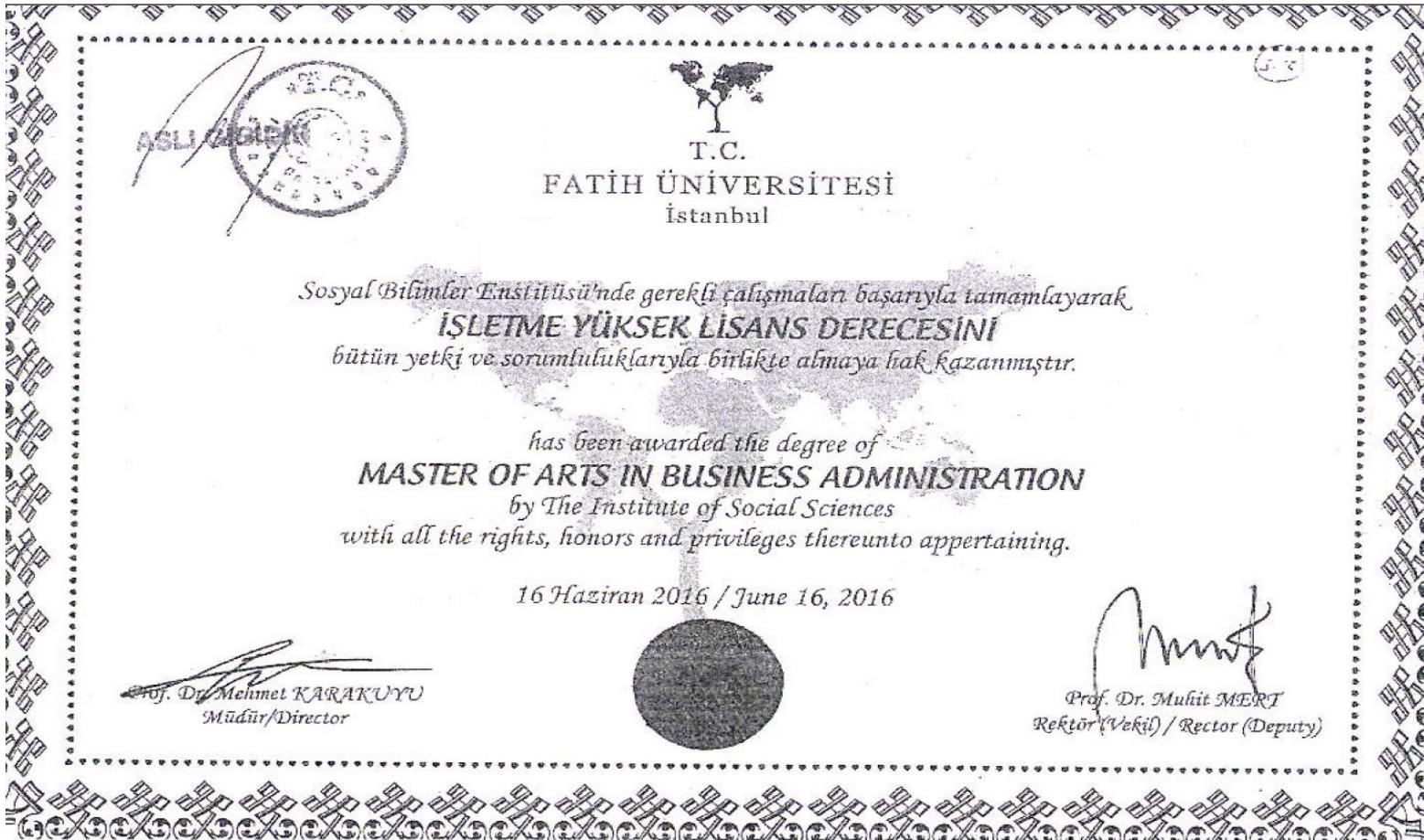
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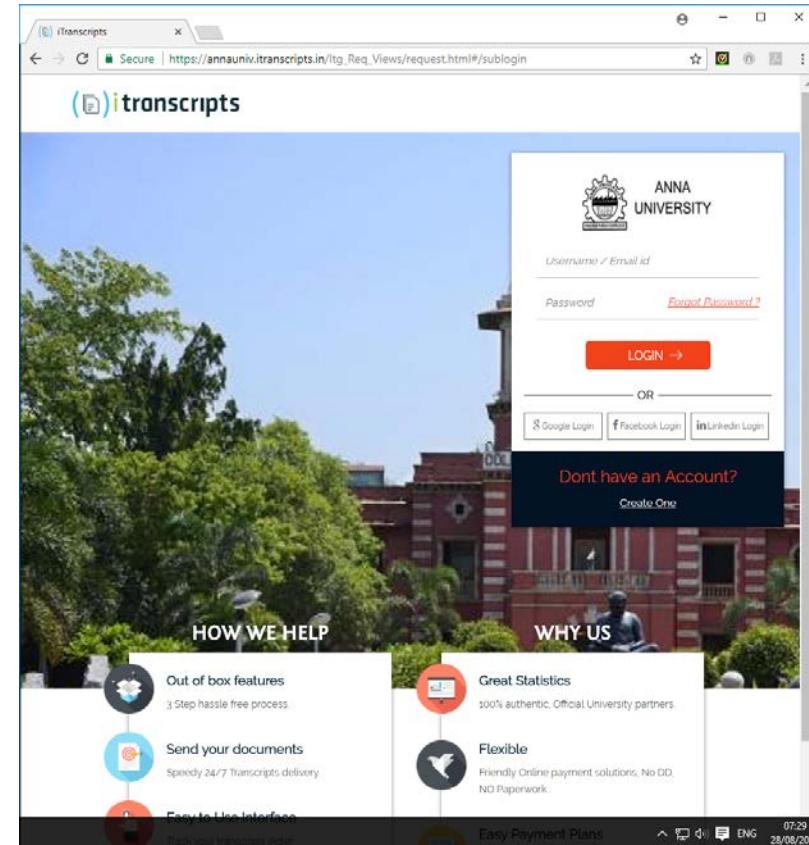
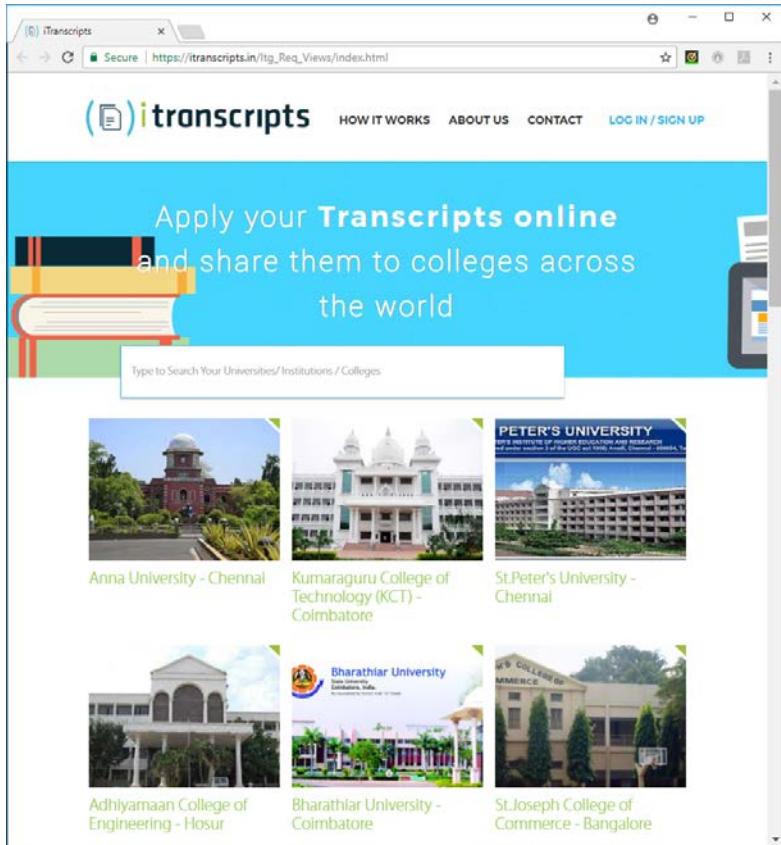
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Désolé, il y a aucun résultat pour votre recherche.

Look up information about this institution on the [ENIC/NARIC website](#)/Turkey. What does this information tell you about the recognition of the institution?



# Third party transcript providers such as iTranscripts Are they reliable? Would you accept this?



## Obtaining official / reliable documentation, including fraudulent documents

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- How do you define 'official documentation'?
- What constitutes acceptable documentation?
- What policies/procedures do you have in place to ensure that you obtain reliable education documents?
- What policies/procedures do you have in place to detect fraudulent documents?

# Which document is more reliable?

Министерство образования и науки Российской Федерации  
Федеральное государственное бюджетное  
образовательное учреждение высшего образования  
«БАЙКАЛЬСКИЙ  
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**Выписка из зачетной ведомости**

ФИО студента:  

Дата рождения:  

Сведения о содержании и результатах освоения образовательной программы:

№ п/п	Наименование дисциплин	Форма контроля
1.	История Отечества	отлично
2.	Экономическая теория	хорошо
3.	Философия	отлично
4.	Политология	отлично
5.	Современные информационные технологии и инструментальные средства	отлично
6.	Этика и психология общения	зачет
7.	Информационное обеспечение и использование ПЭВМ	удовл.
8.	Физиопситиатрия	зачет
9.	Основы жизнеобеспечения	зачет
10.	История экономических учений	зачет
11.	Иностранный язык	отлично
12.	Межкультурные экономические отношения	отлично
13.	Автоматизация рабочего места и информационные технологии в коммерции	зачет
14.	Математика в экономике	удовл.
15.	Исследование операций	удовл.
16.	Основы прогнозики в коммерции	зачет
17.	Пакеты прикладных программ в КД	зачет
18.	Коммерческая статистика	хорошо
19.	Бухгалтерский учет и анализ в коммерции	отлично
20.	Финансирование коммерческой деятельности	хорошо
21.	Деньги и кредит	отлично
22.	Ценообразование	зачет
23.	Банковское дело	OFFICIAL
24.	Налогообложение	зачет
25.	Хозяйственное право	отлично

Приложение к диплому №    
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(без диплома недействительна)

специальность **КОММЕРЦИЯ**  
ФИО  

За время обучения в Иркутской государственной экономической академии с 1992 г. по 1996 г. сдал(а) экзамены и зачеты по следующим дисциплинам:

1. История Отечества	отлично
2. Экономическая теория	хорошо
3. Философия	отлично
4. Политология	отлично
5. Современные информационные технологии и инструментальные средства	отлично
6. Этика и психология общения	зачет
7. Информационное обеспечение и использование ПЭВМ	удовл.
8. Физиопситиатрия	зачет
9. Основы жизнеобеспечения	зачет
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11. Иностранный язык	отлично
12. Межкультурные экономические отношения	отлично
13. Автоматизация рабочего места и информационные технологии в коммерции	зачет
14. Математика в экономике	удовл.
15. Исследование операций	удовл.
16. Основы прогнозики в коммерции	зачет
17. Пакеты прикладных программ в КД	зачет
18. Бухгалтерский учет и анализ в коммерции	отлично
19. Руководящее коммуницирование коммерческой деятельности	хорошо
20. Валюта и кредит	отлично
21. Ценообразование	зачет
22. Денеги и кредит	зачет
23. Банковское дело	зачет
24. Налогообложение	зачет
25. Хозяйственное право	отлично
26. Экономика предпринимательства	зачет
27. Информационные технологии в коммерции	хорошо
28. Руководящее проектирование сил	зачет
29. Сертификация и контроль качества	зачет
30. Микробиология, санитария	отлично

Выполнил (а) курсовые работы по:

1. Экономическая теория
2. Информационное обеспечение
3. Управление системами переработки, хранения и доставки продукции
4. Коммерческой деятельности предприятия
5. Позиционный анализ деятельности коммерческого предприятия
6. Организация розничной торговли
7. Выполнил (а) экономическую практику
8. Задание по дипломной работе с оценкой

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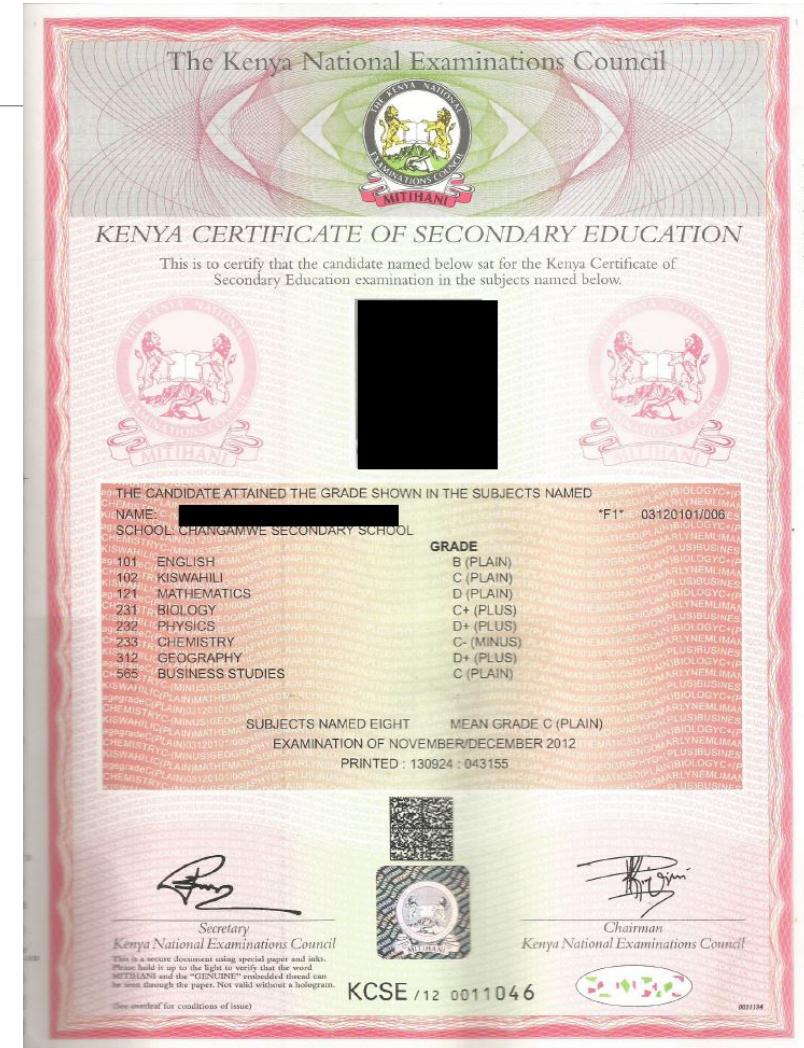
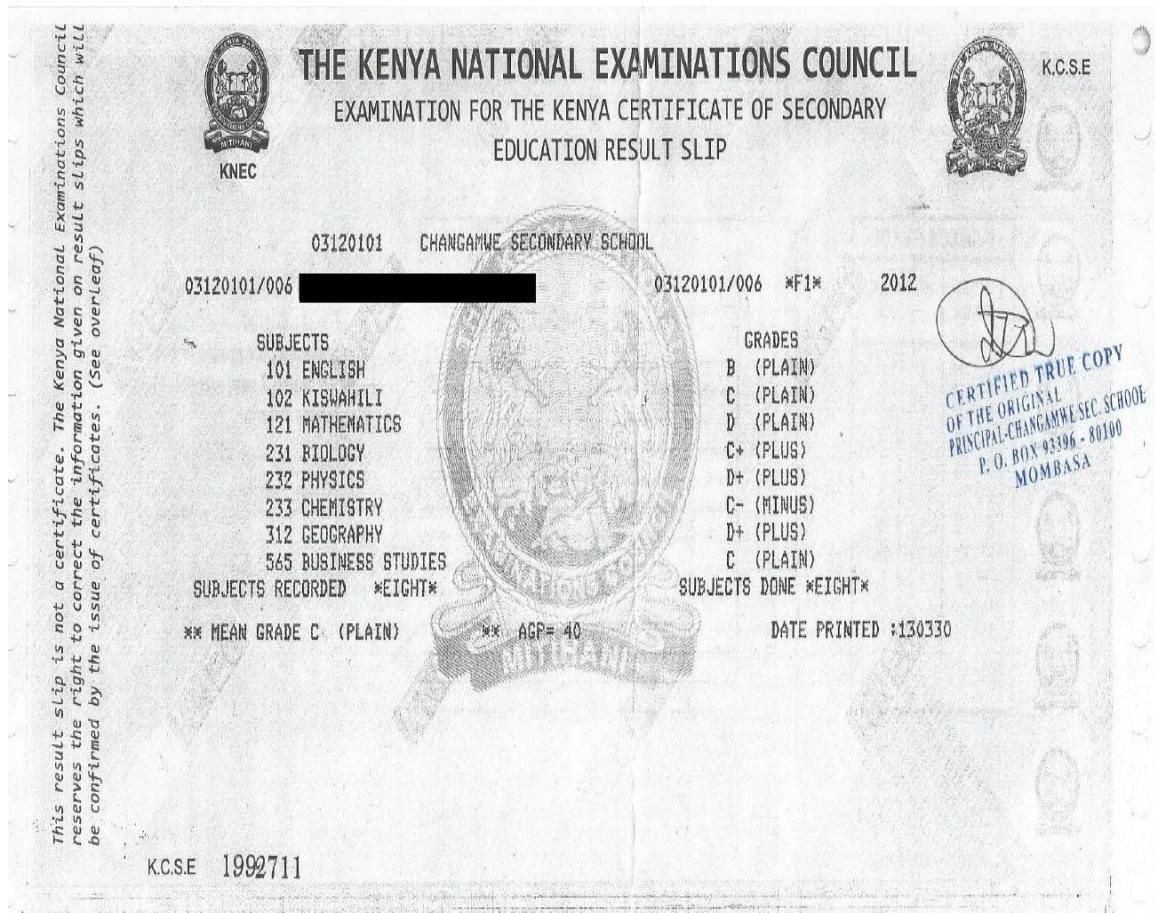
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Why does the student look so different from the man in the picture?



# Which secondary school documents do you require from Kenya?

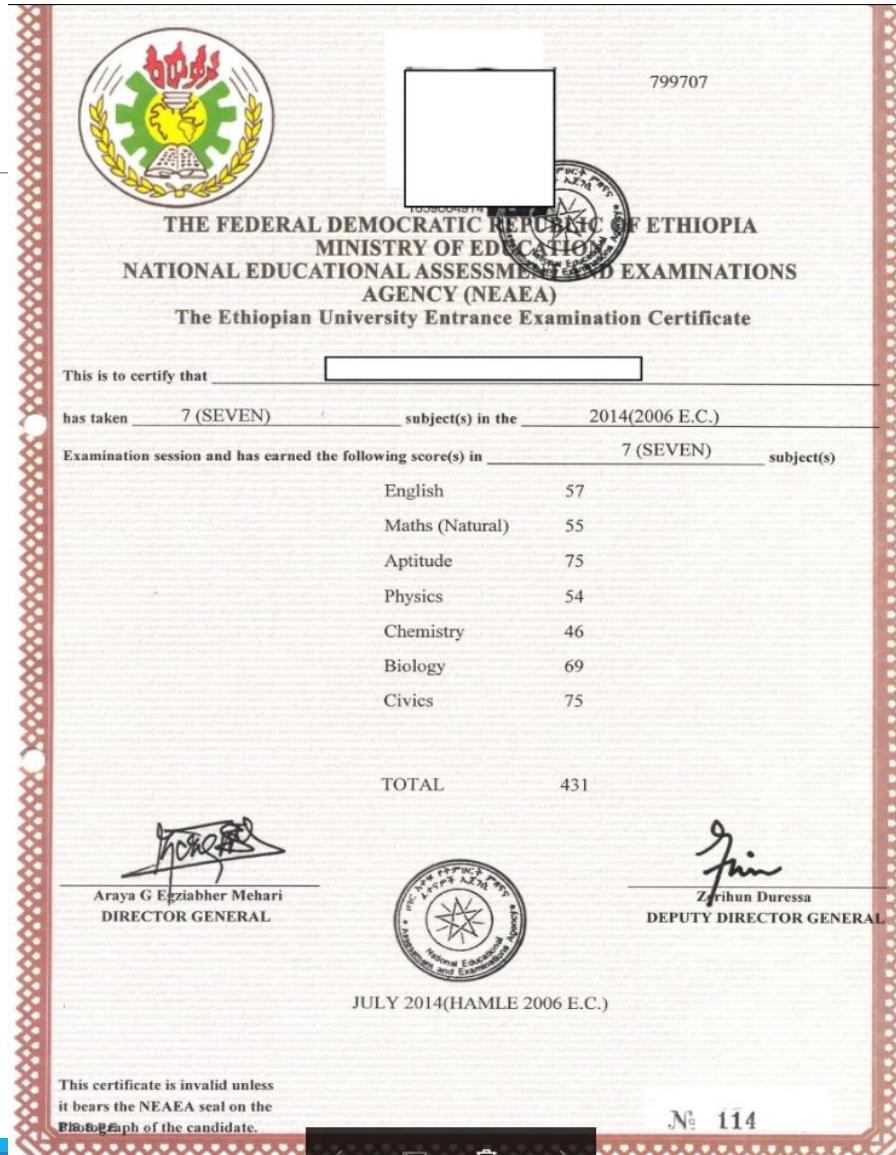


# Tools for detecting fraudulent documents

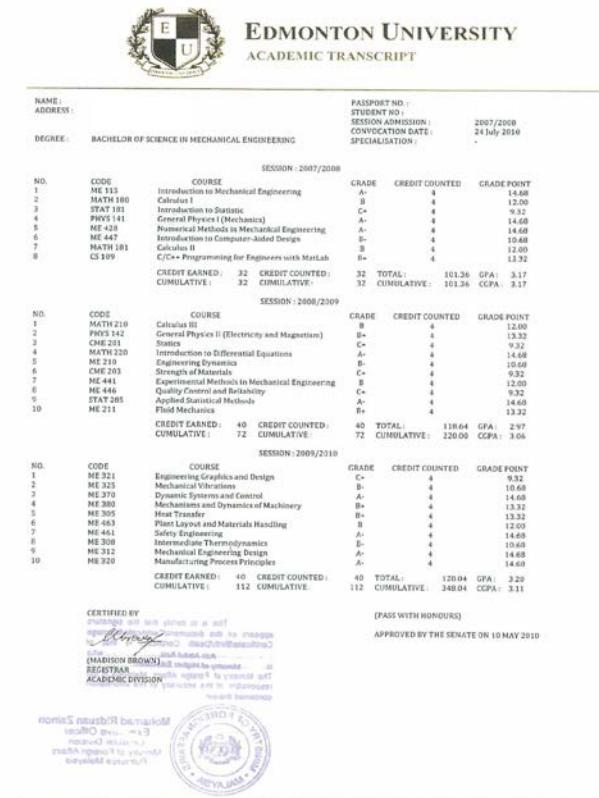
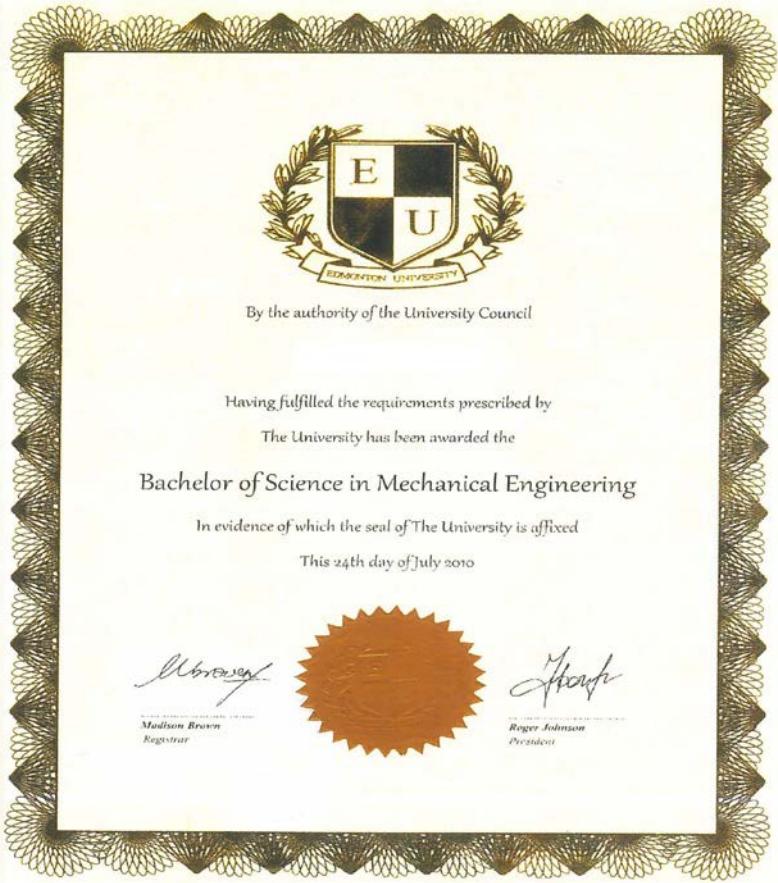
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- On-line verification tools
- Sample document library
- Familiarity with most common characteristics of altered documents
- Historical knowledge of geography (e.g. changes in country names over time)
- Historical knowledge of credentials and institutions (name changes, look and feel of documents)
- Other tips and tricks...

Tip: know what to expect! What do you notice about these 2 documents?



Where is this institution located? Do the documents resemble ones you usually receive from that country?



# Did we forget anything?

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Questions?

Comments?

Thank you for your attention!

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