

The following section pertains to individuals with a degree from France

Credential Evaluation

If you hold a degree from a foreign country and wish to further your studies in the USA, you may be required to submit a credential evaluation to the admissions office at U.S. colleges and universities so that they can accurately evaluate your educational background.

There is no single authority in the USA in charge of the recognition of foreign degrees and qualifications. International agreements, educational institutions and the labor market recognize the following authorities for recognition matters:

- 1. The school or higher education institution, for individuals who wish to pursue further studies in the USA and must present qualifications and degrees from abroad.
- **2.** The employer, for individuals who wish to work in the USA and must present qualifications and degrees from abroad.
- 3. The licensing board, for individuals who

wish to practice certain professions in the USA and must present qualifications and degrees from a broad.

Many of these authorities turn to experts in a credential evaluation service whose role is to analyze the foreign credentials and then issue **recommendations** on how these qualifications from abroad compare to those issued by U.S. education institutions, the labor market or from a professional organization.



There are two national associations:

<u>NACES</u> (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) and <u>AICE</u> (Association of International Credential Evaluators) whose members must adhere to a specific code of conduct and whose services are often used by federal and state organizations and educational institutions for such credential evaluations.

Credit evaluations are not free. The cost and turnaround time may vary accordingly to the number of documents and complexity of the analysis.

NACES member agencies	AICE member agencies				
<u>A2ZEvaluations</u>	Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute				
Center for Applied Research, Evaluations & Education	American Education Research Corporation				
e-Val Reports	Foreign Credential Evaluations				
Educational Credential Evaluators	Globe Language Services				
Educational Perspectives	International Evaluation Services				
Educational Records Evaluation Service	<u>Lisano International</u>				
Evaluation Service	SDR Educational Consultants				
Foreign Academic Credential Service					
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Global Credential Evaluators

Global Services Associates

International Academic Credential Evaluators

International Consultants of Delaware

International Education Research Foundation

Josef Silny & Associates

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Transcript Research

World Education Services



Additionally, the <u>International Education Services division of AACRAO</u> (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions) also provides foreign education evaluations.

Campus France USA does not endorse or recommend any specific credential evaluation service



The following section pertains to individuals with a degree from the United States

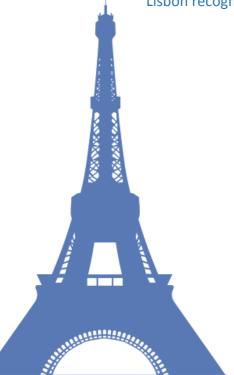
Equivalencies of American diplomas

The **ENIC-NARIC France** is the French information center for the academic and professional recognition of qualifications:

- It issues comparability statement for foreign qualifications
- It provides information on the procedure for obtaining recognition of French qualifications abroad
- It provides information on the procedures to follow in order to work in a regulated profession

ENIC-NARIC, "European Network of Information Centres — National Academic Recognition Information Centres". In France, the legal principle of equivalence does not exist. You can obtain a certificate of recognition of your study level. This certificate helps make your course more transparent and can be shown to employers, authorities organizing competitive examinations and training institutions, to assist you in following your chosen path.

The recognition criteria used by the French ENIC-NARIC are the following (based on the Lisbon recognition convention – LRC):



Eligibility Criteria	Recognition of the qualification within the education system of the awarding country		
	Status of the institution in the awarding country		
	Assessment Components		
Formal Indicators	Bilateral or multilateral agreement		
	Position of the qualification in a national		
	and/or international framework		
	Official length of study		
	ECTS/credits		
	Admission requirements		
	Program requirements (knowledge, competencies, learning)		
	Professional and academic rights		
Quality assurance	Existence of an independent and external		
	assessment of the program and the institution		

Source: CIEP

All the applications to get a certificate of recognition should be submitted online. Please check the website for more details: www.ciep.fr/enic-naricfr/index.php



French ENIC-NARIC comparability of US diplomas





Diplomas	Length of study	Credits	Specificity	French ENIC- NARIC comparison
High school diploma	Secondary school leaving certificate (12 years of primary and secondary schooling)	-	SAT-AP	IV-4
Associate degree	2 years	Usually 60 (semester credits)	Credits can be transferred to a bachelor program	III-5
Bachelor's degree	4 years	Usually 120 (semester credits)	-	Ш
First professional degrees	Depending on the specialization program, usually up to 6 years	Usually 180 (semester credits), depending on the program	"Doctor" in the diploma title but not PhD	I-7
Master	Usually 2 years after bachelor's degree	Usually 60 (semester credits), depending on the program	First degree of graduate cycle	1-7
PhD	Research program, no specific duration	-	Independe nt research and defense of	I-8

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