

**Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**  
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**ADVISORY TO STUDENTS**  
**SEEKING ADMISSION TO PROGRAMMES OF STUDIES PROMISING**  
**QUALIFICATIONS/ DEGREES FROM**  
**FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES**

Students seeking admission in such Programmes of Studies which promise award of Foreign Qualifications/Degrees are, hereby, advised to ensure that these programmes meet the eligibility requirements for according Equivalence as specified by the Association of Indian Universities.

Given below is a gist of the eligibility requirements for equivalence of foreign qualifications/degrees and Students are ADVISED to ensure that the Programme of Studies and Institutions meet these requirements failing which the Equivalence shall not be granted. The students are further advised they should get absolute closely from the university they are seeking admission into.

**SEEKING ADMISSION TO SCHOOL AFFILIATED TO FOREIGN BOARD/OFFERING FOREIGN SYSTEM OF EDUCATION:**

1. Equivalence is granted only if (i) the foreign system of education prescribes a minimum of 12 years of regular schooling; (ii) the school is affiliated by a Board that has been approved/recognised; (iii) the school leaving certificate has been issued by the Board that has been approved/ recognised/accredited in the country concerned.
2. AIU shall accord equivalence to school level examinations on the fulfillment of the following conditions: -
  - (a) The Minimum duration of the programme must be at least the same as prescribed for the corresponding level of qualification in India (i.e., a minimum of 10 years of schooling for being equated with Secondary School Certificate Examination of the CBSE/other Boards in India; and a minimum of 12 years of Schooling for being equated with the Senior School Certificate Examination of the CBSE/other Boards in India).
3. Equivalence is not granted for qualifications that are awarded for studies undertaken OPEN/DISTANCE/ONLINE/VIRTUAL of HOME STUDIES/ PRIVATE Mode(s)/ certificate awarded in less than 12 years duration.

**SEEKING ADMISSION TO PROGRAMME OF STUDIES PROMISING DEGREES AWARDED BY FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES FOR STUDIES UNDERTAKEN ON THEIR CAMPUS OF ORIGIN**

1. Equivalence is granted to students if he/she meets the following eligibility conditions: (a) The degree has been awarded by a university which is duly approved/recognised/accredited in its own country; (b) The student has pursued the programme of studies as a full time/part time regular student on the campus of the university in the foreign country; (c) The minimum eligibility qualification for admission to the programme of the study is at least the same as prescribed in India; and (d) The duration of the programme of study is at least the same as prescribed in India/minimum academic credits scored are same of that in India.

2. The minimum prescribed duration and minimum eligibility of various Programmes of Studies in India, shall be such as specified by the concerned regulatory body in India.

3. Equivalence is not accorded to foreign degrees awarded under DISTANCE/OPEN/ONLINE/VIRTUAL/HOME STUDIES/PRIVATE mode(s) etc.

**SEEKING ADMISSION TO PROGRAMME OF STUDIES PROMISING DEGREES AWARDED BY FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES FOR STUDIES UNDERTAKEN IN THEIR OFFSHORE CAMPUSES/ COLLABORATING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES EXCEPT INDIA:**

In such cases, qualifications from only recognised branch campus are accepted for equivalence. Franchises arrangement are not accepted.

**SEEKING ADMISSION TO PROGRAMME OF STUDIES PROMISING DEGREES AWARDED BY THE FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES IN SUCH DISCIPLINES WHICH ALSO ENTITLE THE HOLDER OF THE DEGREE TO PRACTICE A PROFESSION:**

1. AIU does not entertain applications for equivalence of such professional degrees awarded by foreign universities which also entitle the holder of the degree to practice a profession in India.

2. Thus, degrees in disciplines like Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Architecture etc. are presently outside the purview of the AIU as such cases are handled by the respective professional councils.

For further details students may send their query on email – [evaluation@aiu.ac.in](mailto:evaluation@aiu.ac.in)

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