



## WES World Education Services

### International Credential Evaluation

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## Introduction

- World Education Services is the largest, and one of the oldest credential evaluation services in North America
- It is an independent not for profit organization
- Established in New York in 1974, has been working in Canada since 2000
- Currently used by 1,000's of academic institutions, regulatory bodies, attorneys, employers, and recruitment firms
- Provided over 53,000 evaluations in 2003
- Extensive resources available free of charge through our website



## **Credential Evaluation and its Uses**

- Credential evaluation is a tool to compare formal educational credentials earned in one jurisdiction to that which would have been earned in another
- International standards recognized by UNESCO although the US has not ratified any of the conventions
- Both the US and Canada have national associations that promote principles and practices to which their members adhere
- All evaluations completed by WES are an attestation by WES as to:
  - The bona fides of the institutions awarding the diplomas or degrees and the programs of study undertaken
  - The validity of the documents



## **Credential Evaluation and its Uses**

- Applicants and end-users receive a formal and concise evaluation report
- Evaluation provides statement of academic comparability
- Evaluation reports are advisory: end-users are responsible for recognition
- Evaluation reports used for employment, education, licensing
- Reports assist in determining admissibility to institution, credit transfer, eligibility to sit exams, possession of required qualifications, etc.



Application assigned to a WES evaluator, who has in-depth experience with educational system in various countries.

Evaluator ensures:

- •Required documents have been submitted
- •Education documents are authentic

**Identification and assessment of credentials**, using a variety of criteria:

- Admission requirements
- Education level
- Type of institution
- •Objective and factual information measured against US/CA standards; US/CA equivalents established
- •Grades and courses converted to US/CA semester credit and grade equivalents

**Education reviewed** by senior assessors at WES for accuracy and consistency.

**Completed evaluation sent** simultaneously to student and to your institution.

**Institution receives a precise, timely report** of the applicant.

Institution refers applicants with foreign education credentials to WES

Application incomplete or include documents required further verification

Missing documents/ information obtained; authenticity verified

Determination that documents has been altered or credentials otherwise misrepresented. WES terminates evaluation process; give notification to applicant and to institution

Admissions and placement decisions made by institution – with WES personnel on call to provide further assistance



#### **Sample Evaluation**



#### **CREDENTIAL EVALUATION REPORT**

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#### **ONTARIO EQUIVALENCY SUMMARY**

Bachelor's degree (four years) in finance from a recognised university in Ontario

#### **CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS**

1. Country:

Oimia

Credential: Year: Bachelor of Economics

Awarded by:

Nankai University

Admission requirements:

Graduation Certificate

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(senior high school)

Length of program: Major/Specialization: Four years Finance

Ontario Equivalency:

Bachelor's degree (four years)

Remarks:

Please note that one semester credit equals one lecture hour each week

for the duration of the semester.

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#### COURSE-BY-COURSE ANALYSIS

Name: Date: 3/1/9 02, 2002
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(NSTITUTIONS - DATES - SUBJECTS	Credits	Grades	
Nankal University 1982 - 1986			
Political Economics I, II	6.0	8	
Monetary and Credit Theory I, II	6.0	C	
Mathematics I, II	6.0	C	
English J. II	3.0	6	
Physical Education I	1.0	8	
Physical Education II	1.0	6	
Meral Education I, II	2.0	В	
Chinese	3.0	6 8 C	
Classical Chinese Literature I	3.0	A	
Mathematics III	3.0	8	
Computer	3.0	8	
English III. IV	3.0	c	
Credits of Industry and Commerce I	3.0	B	
Industrial Accounting	3.0	Ä	
Statistics	3.0	B	
Commercial Economic Market	3.0	В	
Accounting	3.0	A	
Credits of Industry and Commerce II	3.0	Ä	
Privisical Education III	1.0	8	
Meral Education III. IV	2.0	8	
Decision Linearity	3.0	8	
Industrial Business Management	3.0	Ā	
Classical Chinese Literature II			
Finance and Tax Law	3.0 3.0	A B	
Business Finance	3.0	A	
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Bank Accounting	3.0	C B	
Money Circulation	3.0	8	
Philosophy	3.0	В	
Business English I	1.0	G	
Business English II	1.0		
Insurance	3.0	A	
International Finance	3.0	A	
Economic Law	3.0	A	
Physical Education IV, V	2.0	A	
Price Theory	3.0	A	
International Trade	3.0	8	
Western Money and Banking	3.0	C	
Bank Management	3.0	Α	
Agricultural Finance	3.0	A	
Input and Output Analysis	3.0	B	
Western Economics	3.0	C	
National Economic Planning	3.0	A	
Thesis	6.0	A	

SUMMARY

Level of Study: Undergraduate

Credits; 128.0

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## Working with WES

- Although many institutions in the US and Canada evaluate foreign credentials themselves, a growing number prefer to use an independent service:
  - Universities and Colleges
  - Licensing Bodies
  - Employers
  - Immigration Attorneys
  - Community Agencies



## **Costs and Timeframes**

- Basic Report of diploma/degree costs \$100 (US and Canada)
- Detailed Report (course information, credits and grades) is \$150 US (\$200 in Canada)
- Cost includes free copy to institution
- Reports are prepared in 7 working days
- In most cases, individuals pay for their own evaluations



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