## Financial Aid Eligibility For Foreign Bachelor Degrees

When you apply for Financial Aid through the FAFSA, you will be asked if you already have a bachelor degree.

It is important to answer this honestly because it could result in having to pay back aid received and loss of future aid, but the government leaves it up to each US college to determine if a degree from another country is equivalent to a US bachelor degree or not. This is difficult because education systems vary from country to country.

Before you answer “yes” to the FAFSA question, you have to know the following: We count the number of years at each level of education according to the country’s educational system and compare that to a traditional US education. Here are some examples of how that works.

### High School
- **12 years**
  - Primary + Secondary Education
  - 10 years
  - Higher Secondary School Certificate

### College
- **4 years**
  - Traditional Bachelor Degree Program
- **4 years**
  - Bachelor of Science
- **2 years**
  - Bachelor of Arts
- **3 years**
  - Traditional Bachelor Degree Program
  - 2 years
  - "A" Levels

### What About You?
- Is the total path for your degree 16 years or more?

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The FAFSA Asks

Will you have your first bachelor’s degree before you begin the school year?

- [ ] yes
- [x] no
- [ ] yes
- [ ] yes
- [ ] no
- [x] yes

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