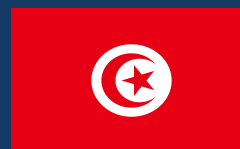


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- **Pre-high school (# of years):** 9 years
- **High school (# of years):** 4 years
- **Academic year calendar:** September - June
- **Recommended times for U.S. institution visits:** October - March

Secondary Education (high school):

- **Language of instruction:** Arabic and French
- **Years of mandatory English courses:** 7 years
- **Grading system and interpretation:** Grading system on a scale of 20 points, where 10 = passing grade
- **Subjects required:** Arabic, Philosophy, French, English, Islamic Studies, Civics, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Science, Natural Science, Technical Science, Physical Education, Economics, Management, Music, Art, and 3rd Foreign Language. The number of years per subject varies by academic track (science, economics, literature, etc.).
- **Graduation requirements:** Pass the Baccalaureate, Examen National du Baccalauréat
- **Name of school leaving exams:** Examen National du Baccalauréat
- **How to verify school leaving exams or diploma/certificate/degree:** Contact EducationUSA adviser for guidance
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions testing availability in-country:** IELTS, TOEFL iBT, SAT
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions test mean scores (as of 2020):** TOEFL: Reading:19, Listening:21, Speaking:21, Writing:20, Total:82

Structure of Higher Education System:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 years
- **Language of instruction in universities:** Primarily French and Arabic, with increasing English-taught programs in select universities and fields.
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** 3 years
- **Grading system and interpretation:** Grading system on a scale of 20 points:

Exceptional	(17 to 20)
Excellent	(16)
Very good	(14 to 15)
Good	(12 to 13)
Satisfactory	(10 to 11)
Unsatisfactory	(Below 10)

The standard of equivalence with the American G.P.A. is roughly as above with some slight variations depending on institutions and majors. Final grade averages at the university level above 14.00 are exceedingly rare, although grades for individual courses naturally run slightly higher than the final average. Any qualification/ distinction (French: Mention) attached to the numerical grade carries real distinction in recognition of a student's total performance, and a diploma with such qualification is a clear indication of excellence.

- **Degrees offered:** License (three years), Master's (two years), and Doctorate (five years). There are also independent Engineering degrees which require five years of university study.
- **Top fields of study/majors:** Engineering, Medical Studies, Architecture, Law, Literature and Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts.
- **Standardized graduate admissions testing availability:** GRE, GMAT, LSAT
- **Standardized graduate admissions test mean scores (as of 2020):** GRE: V 147.9, Q 152.0, W 3.3
- **Study Abroad:** Recent estimates place over 20,000 Tunisian tertiary-level students studying abroad. Major destinations include France, Germany, Canada, Italy, and the United States. While the U.S. ranks among preferred destinations, its share is smaller compared to European countries. <http://www.uis.unesco.org>



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Educational Authorities and International Education Resources:

- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR): <http://www.universites.tn>
- Ministry of Education (MOE): <http://www.edunet.tn>
- The National Statistics Institute: <http://www.ins.nat.tn>

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Students are increasingly seeking test-optional U.S. institutions or those accepting Duolingo English Tests, largely due to financial constraints.
- The economic downturn has reduced family income levels, increasing sensitivity to tuition costs.
- Interest in fully funded programs, such as the Fulbright Foreign Student Program, continues to rise.
- Parents and students are prioritizing affordability, scholarship opportunities, and return on investment over institutional prestige.
- More Tunisian students are showing interest in community colleges and transfer pathways to manage costs.

