

Understanding Academic Transcripts: What They Are and How to Obtain Yours

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Planning to study abroad, migrate for work, or evaluate your foreign qualifications often requires presenting official proof of your educational history. While most students are familiar with individual semester report cards, foreign universities, credential evaluators like WES or IQAS, and immigration authorities insist on a single comprehensive document: an [Academic Transcript](#). This official record consolidates your complete academic journey into an official, verified document issued directly by your university or college.

What Exactly is an Academic Transcript?

An [Academic Transcript](#) is an official institutional document that provides an exhaustive breakdown of your performance across all semesters or academic years. Unlike a degree certificate, which simply proves graduation, a transcript details every subject taken, credits earned, grading system used, and final marks awarded. When applying to international institutions, evaluators rely on this document to determine course equivalence and grade conversions accurately.



Figure 1: Official breakdown of academic records, grades, and university verification stamps.

Academic Transcript vs. Marksheet: Key Differences

Many applicants confuse standard semester marksheets with a official transcript. A marksheet is typically issued at the conclusion of each term, reflecting performance only in those specific subjects. In contrast, a consolidated [Marksheet Transcript](#) brings all academic years together into an officially sealed and stamped university document. Institutions abroad require sealed transcripts to prevent document tampering and ensure absolute authenticity.

Crucial Information Included in Your Transcript

- **Student & Institution Credentials:** Full legal name, roll/enrollment number, program title, and university accreditation details.
- **Course Structure:** Complete listing of core subjects, electives, and lab modules completed per semester.

- **Grades & Credit System:** Detailed breakdown of marks obtained, subject-wise credits, grade points, and cumulative GPA.
- **Official Authentication:** Registrar signature, institutional seal, issue date, and designated transcript serial number.

Step-by-Step Guide to Requesting Your Transcript

Procuring transcripts directly from educational institutions can often be time-consuming, especially if you have relocated or graduated years ago. The general process involves submitting an application form to the university's registrar office along with copies of your marksheets, degree certificate, and identity proof. Once verified, the university prepares the document, places it in an official envelope, and stamps across the sealed flap to maintain security.

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