

HIGHER EDUCATION CHART

High School Diploma or G.E.D.



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Associate Degree

About 60 credits at a junior college, college, or university

A.D. (Associate Degree)	A.S. (Associate of Science)	A.A.S. (Associate of Applied Science)	A.A. (Associate of Art)
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Usually called a "Two-Year Degree"



Bachelor's Degree

About 120 credits at a college or university
(or 60 additional credits after an Associate Degree)

B.A. (Bachelor of Arts)	B.S. (Bachelor of Science)	B.F.A. (Bachelor of Fine Art)
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Usually called a "Four-Year Degree"



GRADUATE DEGREES:

30 – 60 credits (or more / or clinical time) in a graduate program at a university.
Generally includes extensive research and/or a final written thesis

Master's Degree

or

"Doctorate"

M.Ed. Masters in Education
M.A. Master of Arts
M.F.A. Master of Fine Art
M.A.T. Master in the Art of Teaching
Etc.

Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy in ...
J.D. Juris Doctor (Law Degree)
M.D. Medical Doctor
D.V.M. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
Etc.

Usually called "Graduate Degree" Often called "Post-Graduate Degree"



Also a possibility, after a Master's degree but before a Doctorate,
and after more years of schooling at a University:

Certificate of Advanced (Graduate) Study
C.A.G.S., C.A.S.