
Listserv Summary: US University Acceptance of 3-Year Bachelors from India & China

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An inquiry was made to the AIEA Listserv asking for insight into whether US universities accept 3-year bachelor degrees from India and China and to clear up as to why US universities accept the 3-year bachelor from Europe (Bologna Agreement), but do not allow for 3-year bachelor from non-European countries to qualify for graduate level admission.

Summary of responses:

The general consensus is that the primary difference in admissions hangs on the secondary school preparation. The extra year of secondary school preparation in European countries (and lack thereof in other countries) factors heavily in the admissions decisions at the graduate level.

European, South African and some Indian 3-year degrees (science degrees in India are usually 4-year programs) are accepted for the 4-year equivalent. China 3-year bachelors degrees are rarely accepted.