



Comparable prior learning - China

[Schedule 1](#), in clause 13 of the [Advanced Standing and Recognition of Prior Learning Procedures](#) prescribes the credit that applies for prior learning in discipline related Australian qualifications, or occupational/voluntary experience. Below is the equivalence between Australian and Chinese prior learning at Southern Cross University (SCU).

All applicants (domestic or international) must meet the University's [English language requirements for admission](#).

Previous completed or incomplete qualifications allow the University to formulate a selection rank to determine eligibility for a place of study at Southern Cross University. Please be guided by the [Calculating the rank](#) information and the indicative entry score published for each [Southern Cross University course](#).

No.	Related Chinese qualification (formal learning)	Comparable Australian qualification and SCU selection rank	Credit awarded into related SCU Undergraduate Degrees	Credit awarded into related SCU Postgraduate Degrees
1	Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years full-time, or • 3 years part-time • Issued by a *Section 2 – Junior college or adult higher education institution <p>OR</p> Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-12 examinations • Awarded by a degree-granting institution and a provincial or self-governing city (Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Tianjin) higher education self-study examinations guidance committee 	Certificate IV Rank 73	4 units (6 months) credit into a Bachelor Degree	

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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by a *Section 3 – Self-study examinations institution Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years full-time, or • 3 years part-time • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute <p>OR</p> 1 year full-time completed in a 4 year Bachelor Degree 学士学位 Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more years full-time • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute or Section 2 – Junior colleges and adult higher education institute <p>OR</p> Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 years full-time, or • 4 years part-time • Issued by a *Section 2 – Junior college or adult higher education institution <p>OR</p>	Diploma Rank 75	8 units (1 year) credit into a Bachelor Degree	

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	Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-18 examinations • Awarded by a degree-granting institution and a provincial or self-governing city (Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Tianjin) higher education self-study examinations guidance committee • Issued by a *Section 3 – Self-study examinations institution 			
3	Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 years full-time, or • 4 years part-time • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute <p>OR</p> 2 years full-time completed in a 4 year Bachelor Degree 学士学位 Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more years full-time • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute or Section 2 – Junior colleges and adult higher education institute <p>OR</p>	Advanced Diploma Rank 76	12 units (1.5 years) credit into a Bachelor Degree	

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	<p>Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-5 years full-time • No evidence that a Bachelor Degree was awarded • Issued by a *Section 2 – Junior college or adult higher education institution <p>OR</p> <p>Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-25 examinations • No evidence a Bachelor degree awarded • Awarded by a degree-granting institution and a provincial or self-governing city (Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Tianjin) higher education self-study examinations guidance committee • Issued by a *Section 3 – Self-study examinations institution 			
4	<p>Certificate of Graduation 毕业证书 or Graduation Diploma 毕业文凭</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years full-time, or • 5 years part-time • No evidence that a Bachelor Degree was awarded • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute 	<p>Associate Degree</p> <p>Rank 80</p>	<p>16 units (2 years) credit into a Bachelor Degree</p>	

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	<p>OR</p> <p>3 years full-time completed in a 4 year Bachelor Degree 学士学位</p> <p>Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or more years full-time • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute or Section 2 – Junior colleges and adult higher education institute 			
5	<p>Bachelor Degree 学士学位</p> <p>Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 or more years full-time • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute or Section 2 – Junior colleges and adult higher education institute 	<p>Bachelor Degree</p> <p>Rank 84</p>	<p>Up to 24 units (3 years) credit into a 4 year Bachelor Degree or Double Degree</p>	<p>4 units (6 months) credit into a 2 year Masters Degree</p>
	<p>6 months full-time completed in a 2 year Master Degree 硕士学位</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 months full-time • Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例) • Awarded after 1981 • Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute 	<p>Graduate Certificate</p> <p>Rank 79</p>		<p>4 units (6 months) credit into a 2 year Masters Degree; or</p>

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6	1 year full-time completed in a 2 year Master Degree 硕士学位 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 years full-time Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例) Awarded after 1981 Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute 	Graduate Diploma Rank 82		6 units (6 months or more) credit into a 1.5 year Masters Degree; or 8 units (1 year) credit into a 2 year Masters Degree
7	Master Degree 硕士学位 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 years full-time Graduation thesis 毕业论文 Awarded according to the Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China (中华人民共和国学位条例) Awarded after 1981 Issued by a *Section 1 higher education institute 	Masters Degree Rank 88		
8	All other Chinese qualifications	Assessed individually, on a case-by-case basis.		
9	Qualifications owned/awarded by institutions from a country other than China.	Assessed using that country's AQF comparability.		

Please note: Evidence of a degree is a Bachelor Degree certificate (学士学位证书) or a comment in the text of the Certificate of Graduation is evidence of a Bachelor Degree, Master Degree certificate 硕士学位证书 or Doctoral Degree certificate 博士学位证书.

A full-time program transcript should show 7-9 subjects each semester. Part-time programs show 3-5 subjects each semester. The last semester usually has the graduation project and fewer or no subjects. Where the 4-year Bachelor Degree program is left blank on the transcript, this normally indicates that a period of practical training and/or research for the thesis was undertaken during this semester. This should be verified with the degree-holder and/or the institution. If the transcript shows a single list of subjects, the program may not have been full-time.

A Bachelor Degree program may have been taken, but where there is no evidence of a Bachelor Degree, it usually means the student did not complete all the requirements for a Bachelor Degree.

Bachelor Degrees normally take 4-5 years full-time. Part-time study takes longer. Bachelor degrees may follow a 2+2 or 3+2 format - if the Bachelor Degree is only 2-3 years full-time, it has likely been awarded following an upgrading program, with the initial 2 or 3-year qualification providing advanced standing into the Bachelor program. The transcript does not usually refer to the initial study and this should be verified with the degree-holder and/or the institution.

*View the [List of institutions](#) in China to identify Section 1, 2 and 3 institutions.

**Search [ANZSCO](#) to identify the skill level of tasks and responsibilities in an occupation.

***View the [SCU English Language comparable test scores](#) to Academic IELTS and the SCU [International course options](#) to confirm course details, such as duration, minimum English language proficiency, locations, start dates and annual tuition fees. SCU typically announces tuition fees by 1 June for the following academic year, commencing in January. Applicants may increase English proficiency by adding the [SCU College English Language for Academic Purposes \(EAP\)](#) program to their SCU pathway. Students who study EAP with SCU College do not need to sit an IELTS or equivalent English language test to continue their study in another SCU degree.