



## Bulgaria

### Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU master's degree program (Completion of 16 years of study)

- **Diplom za Zavarsheno Visshe Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Higher Education)** – completion of 4 to 5½ years of post-secondary education.
- **Bakalavr (Bachelor's Degree)** – completion of 4 years of post-secondary study. This is a degree created by the Higher Education Act of 1995. However, there are some fields where the Bachelor does not exist and where studies lead directly to the second stage of studies (Master's Degree level).

### Minimum requirement for admission into an OSU graduate program with eligibility to receive 45 hours of transfer credit for master's degree (Completion of 18 years of study)

- **Kandidat na Naukite (Candidate of the Sciences)** – completion of a minimum of 3 years of post-graduate study beyond a *Diplom za Zavarsheno Visshe Obrazovanie* (Diploma of Completed Higher Education). Considered to represent a level of achievement beyond a U.S. master's degree and may be comparable to the requirement approaching a U.S. doctoral degree.
- **Magistr (Master's Degree)** – completion of 1 year of post-secondary study beyond the *Bakalavr* (Bachelor's Degree). Students are usually required to complete a thesis and pass a state examination.

### OSU Benchmark of an equivalent of a U.S. Ph.D.

- **Doktor na Naukite (Doctor of Sciences)** – completion of typically 3 years of study beyond the *Kandidat na Naukite* (Candidate of the Sciences). Represents recognition of published post-doctoral scholarly research.
- **Doktor (Doctor)** – This stage is the third degree in the higher education system and leads to the title of Doktor. It is obtained on the basis of individual research and after the defense of a thesis.

### Universities in Bulgaria

Academy of Economics "Dimitur A. Tscenov"	National Academy of Arts	University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy
Agricultural University of Plovdiv	National Sports Academy Sofia	University of Economics Varna
American University in Bulgaria	New Bulgarian University	University of Forestry Sofia
Bourgas Free University	Shoumen University "Konstantin Preslavski"	University of Medicine Varna
Bourgas University "Prof. Assen Zlatarov"	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"	University of Mining and Geology "St. Ivan Rilski"
Higher Institute of Food and Flavour Industries	South-West University "Neofit Rilski"	University of National and World Economy
Higher Medical Institute of Plevan	State Academy of Music "Pantcho Vladigerov"	University of Plovdiv
Higher Medical Institute of Plovdiv	Technical University of Gabrovo	University of Rousse
Medical University of Sofia	Technical University of Sofia	Varna Free University
Military University Shoumen	Technical University of Varna	Veliko Turnovo University "Cyril and Methodius"
National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts "Krustju Sarafov"	Trakia University Stara Zagora	
	University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy	



Official credentials are issued in the original language. Certified, word-for-word English translations must accompany each credential not issued in English.

### Additional Information

Higher education is provided by universities, institutes and academies. Higher education is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Science. Some universities are private. Education is based on the Law on Higher Education (1995) and the Law on Scientific Degrees and Scientific Titles (latest amendments 1996). Post-secondary institutions have academic autonomy. In 1995, the National Assembly approved five new private higher education institutions.

### Common Grading Systems

This scale is used as a default when a grade scale is not provided on the transcript.

Numeric	Bulgarian	Description	OSU Equiv
6	Otlichen	Excellent	A
5	Mnogo Dobur	Very Good	A-/B+
4	Dobur	Good	B
3	Sreden	Sufficient	C
2	Slab	Fail	E

If a grade scale is provided on a transcript, that scale is used in determining the GPA.

### Minimum Grade Required for Fellowship Nomination

GPA of at least 5.4 on a 6 point scale or the equivalent of 3.6 on a 4 point scale.