



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT Palo Alto College

Foreign Transcript Evaluation vs. Translation

All foreign transcripts, secondary and university must be evaluated and translated by a professional agency that meets the quality guidelines endorsed by the **National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)**.

[NACES | Credentials Evaluations Provided by NACES Members](#)

What is the difference between translation and evaluation?

- **Translations:** are strictly limited to the interpretation of documents from one language to another (typically into English).
- **Evaluations:** determine what credentials are worth in terms of the United States educational system.

Foreign college/university transcripts

A **Comprehensive** evaluation establishes the equivalent of a U.S. degree or years of study plus a course-by-course analysis including credits, grades and grade-point average (GPA). This type of evaluation is required if you are seeking transfer credit from a foreign college/university.

High School transcripts

A **General** evaluation and translation (if documents are not in English) is required to provide evidence that you have completed the equivalent of a U.S. high school.

All evaluations are subject to review and approval by Palo Alto College. There is no guarantee transfer credit from the foreign college can or will be given. **The college will only accept evaluations sent by the NACES member.**

The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the evaluation and translation of their foreign transcripts.

Delivery options

1. **Mailing address:**
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