

According to IAU, World Higher Education Database (WHED):

Nicaragua - Education system

INSTITUTION TYPES & CREDENTIALS

Types of higher education institutions:

Universidad (University)

Instituto (Institute)

Centro Técnico Superior (Higher Technical Centre)

Centro de Investigación y de Capacitación (Research Centre)

School leaving and higher education credentials:

Bachillerato

Técnico Medio

Diploma de Maestro de Educación Primaria

Técnico Superior

Arquitecto

Ingeniero

Licenciatura

Título de Profesor de Educación Media

Postgrado

Maestría

Doctor

STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION SYSTEM

Higher education:

Higher education is provided by universities, centros técnicos superiores (polytechnical and technological institutions) and centros de investigación y de capacitación (research centres). There are both state universities and private universities. The Consejo Nacional de Universidades (CNU) is responsible for all higher education planning. The Asociación Nicaraguense de Instituciones de Educación Superior studies academic and administrative problems of higher education with a view to its integrated planning within the framework of the system of education; recognizes studies; and encourages the exchange of information between member institutions.

Main laws/decrees governing higher education:

Decree: Ley no. 89 de Autonomía de las Instituciones de la Educación Superior **Year:** 1990

Concerns: Higher education institutions

Stages of studies:

University level studies:

University level first stage: Licenciatura, Professional Qualification:

The Licenciatura is usually awarded after four or five years' study, depending on the subject. A professional qualification is awarded after studies lasting between two years (Accountancy), five years in Engineering and six years in Medicine where the professional qualification conferred is that of Doctor.

University level second stage: Maestría, Posgrado:

A Maestría is conferred after studies lasting for two years beyond the Licenciatura. Students must present a thesis. Short postgraduate courses are offered in various specialities in Law, Psychology etc...

NATIONAL BODIES

Administration & co-ordination:

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ADMISSIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Admission to non university higher education studies

Name of secondary school credential required: Técnico Medio

Admission to university-level studies

Name of secondary school credential required: Bachillerato

Foreign students admission

Admission requirements: Foreign students should hold the same School Leaving Certificates as nationals.

Multilateral agreements concerning recognition of foreign studies

Name of agreement: Convention On the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean

Year of signature: 1974

GRADING SYSTEM

Main grading system used by higher education institutions

Full Description: 0-100%

Highest on scale: 100%

Pass/fail level: 70%

Lowest on scale: 0%

Source: International Association of Universities (IAU), updated from IBE website, 2001 (except for governing bodies, updated 2005)