



## Foreign Credentials Evaluation (FCE) for Master's Degree candidates

Marine Corps University requires that all master's degree candidates hold a qualifying undergraduate degree (U.S. regionally or nationally accredited bachelor's degree or its equivalent). Any student who does not hold a qualifying undergraduate degree must demonstrate that their academic credentials are the equivalent of such a degree prior to admission into a degree program. All students who obtained their degree outside of the United States must have their academic credentials evaluated to determine if they are the equivalent of the required qualifying degree.

- Who:** Any student in one of the University's master degree programs who does not hold a U.S. regionally or nationally accredited bachelor's degree.
- What:** Expert analysis and evaluation of all post-secondary academic performance to determine if it constitutes the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree.
- Where:** At a recognized FCE service. MCU accepts evaluations from any service that is a member, at the time of the evaluation, of the National Association of Credentials Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credential Evaluators (AICE); or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) International Education Services.
- When:** Prior to entrance into the masters program. For MCWAR students, that is prior to the first day of classes. For SAW students, that is prior to selection to SAW. For CSC students, that is prior to the master's program application due date, normally near the first week in September.
- How:** Students must submit their academic credentials directly to an FCE service to determine if the records are equivalent to a qualifying undergraduate degree, and request that the FCE service submit its report directly to MCU. Request that FCE reports be submitted to:

President, Marine Corps University  
Attn: Registrar  
2076 South Street  
Quantico, VA 22134-5067

Costs may vary from FCE service to service. Students are responsible for the cost of obtaining the FCE service.

**Questions:** Email the MCU Registrar at: [MCU\\_Registrar@usmcu.edu](mailto:MCU_Registrar@usmcu.edu)