

The Comparative Table of the British and Ukrainian Education Systems

Criterion	British Education System	Ukrainian Education System
Starting Age for Education		
Education Stages		
Main Types of Schools		
Grading System		
State Exams		
Higher Education		
School Year		
School Courses and Subjects		
Private Schools		
Length of Education		
University Admission		

1. Primary (Grades 1-4)
2. Basic (Grades 5-9)
3. Senior school (Grades 10-11)
4. Higher education (universities, colleges)

Grades from A to E (A is the best) for GCSE and A-level exams

Universities (usually from age 18): Bachelor's degree (3 years), Master's degree (1-2 years), Doctorate (PhD)	Students finish secondary school at 17-18 and can apply to universities
1. Primary school 2. Grammar schools 3. Modern schools 4. Comprehensive schools 5. Private (public) schools	September - July (3 terms)
Grades from 1 to 12, where 12 is the highest (for schools), and a 200-point system for EIT (External Independent Testing)	Primary school: Mathematics, English, Geography, History, Religion Secondary school: English, Mathematics, Sciences, Humanities, Foreign Languages
1. Primary education (5-11 years old) 2. Secondary education (11-16 years old) 3. Further and Higher education (16+ years old)	Predominantly expensive private boarding schools like Eton and Harrow
Universities and institutes: Bachelor's degree (4 years), Master's degree (1-2 years), Doctorate (PhD equivalent)	Based on A-level exam results or other qualifications
1. General education schools 2. Lyceums (secondary schools) 3. Specialized schools (physics and mathematics, language-focused, etc.) 4. Private schools	GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) at age 16 A-levels (Advanced Level) at age 18
6 years old (start of compulsory education)	EIT (External Independent Testing) — university entrance exams taken in Grade 11
Primary and basic school: Mathematics, Ukrainian language, Reading, Foreign Languages, Natural Science Senior school: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Literature, Foreign Languages, Elective Courses	Students finish compulsory education at 16 and may continue in colleges or take A-levels
5 years old (start of compulsory education)	Based on EIT (External Independent Testing) results and entrance exams

September - May (2 semesters)

Private schools also exist but are much fewer compared to the UK