

Q&A WITH SUA

Send in your questions, and we'll share the answers!

Question:

The 2002 View book says that all international students need to send official transcripts to an agency called ACEI. What is ACEI and what does it do?

Answer:

ACEI stands for Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc. located in Beverly Hills, Calif. ACEI evaluates foreign student transcripts of grades, national examinations, mark sheets and certificates. SUA requires that all students complete the equivalent of 12 years of schooling in a college preparatory school program prior to Fall 2002. Since countries have different school systems, ACEI has become very important in helping SUA better understand other country's grading systems. To learn more about ACEI or to make application for an evaluation, please visit the agency's Web site at www.acei1.com or email acei@acei1.com. Please send certified true copies (in English) of your secondary school record to ACEI, not to SUA. It can take four to six weeks for the evaluation to be processed before it is mailed to SUA from ACEI, so please "Plan Ahead!"

Question:

I live in Mexico. Is it true that all documents have to be sent to SUA in English? I asked my principal if he would translate my high school record, since it is written in Spanish. He is bilingual and has a high level of English understanding. Will SUA accept this?

Answer:

All application materials must be translated and sent to SUA and to ACEI in English. Your principal can translate your high school record only if he is a professor or instructor of English in your school or university. If he is not, then the Ministry of Education in your country does not recognize the translation as "official." Public translators may also be used so long as they are authorized and recognized by the Ministry of Education in any given country.

If you have questions of any kind about SUA, please send them to SUA at either admission@soka.edu or info@soka.edu. We will use this World Tribune column to share our answers with others who might have the same questions.