



# Council of Graduate Schools

## Statement

### Clarification of Acceptance of Three-year Bachelor's Degrees

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A number of press articles, both print and online, have misinterpreted the Council of Graduate Schools' *2006 International Graduate Admissions Survey, Phase III: Admissions and Enrollment*, released in November 2006. The report does *not* say that U.S. graduate schools have begun accepting three-year bachelor's degrees from India.

It reports that in 2006, 18% of U.S. graduate schools did not accept three-year Bologna degrees from **Europe**, down from 29% in 2005. Survey respondents indicated that three-year degrees from Europe are "not an issue" at 56% of their institutions, up from 41% in 2005.

Regarding three-year degrees from *outside* Europe, 45% of universities, including 56% of the 25 schools with the largest international enrollment, reported that they have admissions policies that *permit* international students with a non-European three-year degree to be considered for graduate study. The survey did not ask whether the university actually accepted them. No specific countries were identified, and as this was the first time this question was asked, trend data are unavailable.

CGS apologizes for any confusion to prospective students that any mischaracterization may have caused. The full report is available on the CGS International Research webpage at [www.cgsnet.org](http://www.cgsnet.org).

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