

# Higher Education (Enseignement supérieur)

## Places

University or Uni

Ex : Which uni was she at?

College

(US) a university where you can study for an undergraduate(= first) degree

EX : to go to college [ˌʌndəˈgrædʒəɪt]

(UK) University division (faculté)

## Degrees

### Bachelor's degrees or undergraduate courses

BA (Bachelor of Arts) : 3 years

→ a first university degree(= qualification) in the arts or social sciences, or someone who has this degree

Ex : She **has** a BA **in** History from the University of Sussex.

BSc (Bachelor of Science) : 3 years

→ a first-level university degree in science

Ex : a BSc **in** geology/chemistry/biology

It takes four years to get a bachelor's degree in the US, on more year than in England.

In America, the first year of a degree is known as the Freshman year, the second as the Sophomore year, the third as the Junior year and the final year as the Senior year. [ˈsɒf.ə.mɔːr]

### Postgraduate Courses

MA (Master of Arts) : 1 year

→ an advanced college or university degree in a subject such as literature, language, history, or social science, or a person who has this degree

Ex: He has an MA in linguistics

MSc (Master of Science) : 1 year

→ an advanced college or university degree in a scientific subject, or a person who has this degree

EX : She has/is doing/is studying for an MSc **in** biochemistry.

PHD (Doctor of philosophy) : 3 years

→ the highest college or university degree, or someone who has this

EX : He has a PhD **in** Italian literature.

She's a PhD.

### Words and expressions to remember

To sit (for) an exam/ To take an exam

To pass an exam † to fail an exam

An undergraduate (a student who is studying for their first degree at a college or university)

A graduate (a person who has a first degree from a university or college)

A postgraduate (étudiant de troisième cycle)

Graduate school (école supérieure de troisième cycle)