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Comparing UK / US Educational Systems

In the US, the school system varies according to the State, but this is the most usual one.

UK	Age	US
Preschool	3 to 4-5	Pre-kindergarten / Nursery School (Optional)
Primary School (Lasting 6 years: Year 1 to Year 6)	5-6 to 10-11	Kindergarten + Elementary School (Lasting 6 years: 1 year Kindergarten + Grade 1 to Grade 5)

UK			Age	US		
Secondary School				Secondary School		
	Year	Form		Grade		
	7	1 st	11-12	6	Middle School / Junior High School	
	8	2 nd	12-13	7		
	9	3 rd	13-14	8		
	10	4 th	14-15	9		
GCSE	11	5 th	15-16	10	Senior High School	
	12	Lower 6 th	16-17	11		
A Levels (Advanced)	13	Upper 6 th	17-18	12		

UK		Age	US	
University			College or University (Degree duration may vary)	
	Undergraduate	1 st year	Freshman year	Degree duration may vary
		2 nd year	Sophomore year	
BA (Bachelor of Arts) or BSc (Bachelor of Science)		3 rd year	Junior year	Bachelor's degree
	Postgraduate	4 th year	Senior year(s)	Master's degree
MA (Master of Arts) or MSc (Master of Science)		5 th year		
PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)			PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) (standard name, but not restricted to philosophy, e.g. PhD in maths, literature...)	