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# Bogus Institutions and Documents: A Discussion with the Authors

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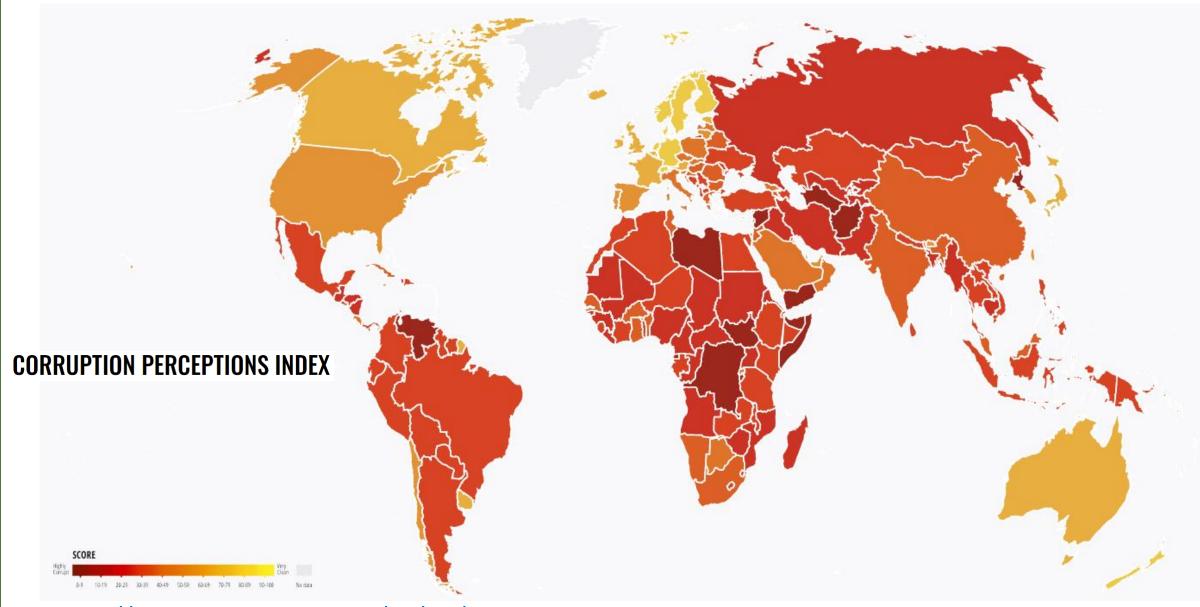
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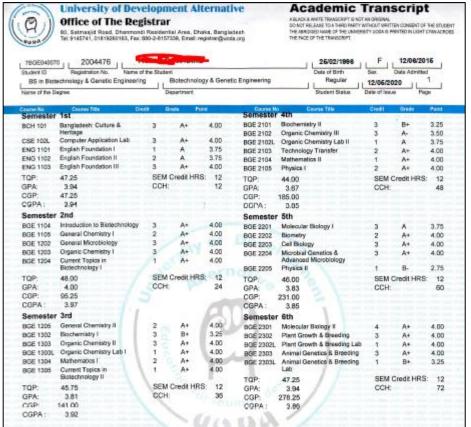
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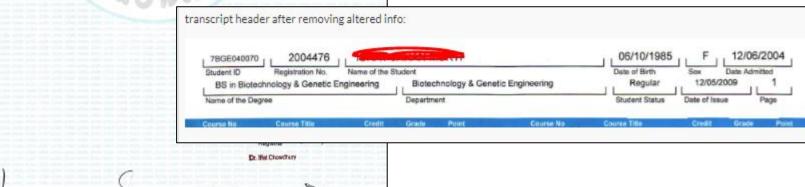


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Name : 111-116-121

Programme : Bachelor of Business Administration [BBA]

Batch : 23th Batch, January 2011

Course Course Title		Credits	Grade	Grade Points per credit	Grade points	
BBA 321	Banking and Insurance	3	B+	3.25	9.75	
BBA 322	Organizational Behavior	3	B+	3.25	9.75	
BBA 323	Management Accounting	3	A-	3.50	10.50	
BBA 324	Entrepreneurship Development	3	A	3.75	11.25	
BBA 331	Cost Accounting	3	A	3.75	11.25	
BBA 332	Human Resource Management	3	A	3.75	11.25	
BBA 333	Marketing Management	3	B+	3.25	9.75	
BBA 334	Management Information and Control System	3	A	3.75	11.25	
BBA 411	Business Research	3	B+	3.25	9.75	
BBA 412	Business Policy and Strategy	3	A	3.75	11.25	

Specialisation Courses: Accounting and Information Systems

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Grade Points per credit	Grade	
BBA AIS 1	Advance Accounting	3	A-	3.50	10.50	
BBA AIS 2	Developments in Accounting	3	۸-	3.50	10.50	
BBA AIS 3	Ethics and Professionalism in Accounting	3	B+	3.25	9.75	
BBA AIS 4	Accounting for Banks and Insurance	3	В	3.00	9.00	
BBA AIS 5	Accounting Information System	3	A	3.75	11.25	
BBA AIS 7	Financial Analysis and Control	3	В	3.00	9.00	

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Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Grade Points per credit	Grade points	
BBA INT	Internship/Thesis	4	A-	3.50	14.00	
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Total Credit hours required for the degree : 126

Credit completed in this University: 126

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Controller of Examinations
Metropolitan University, Sylhet, Bangladesh

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- Changing contents of an authentic document that belongs to the applicant
  - Grades
  - Course Titles
  - Graduation confirmation
  - Etc.

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- 4.4 Grading scheme and, if available, grade distribution guidance:

Grading scheme bachelor:

During the bachelor programme the student can obtain the following qualifications:

#### Year1

- Block test: Pass or Good
- · Progress test: Pass or Good
- · Skills test: Pass or Good
- · Professional Behaviour: Pass
- · Portfolio: Pass
- . CORE\*: Pass or Good
- · Imaging Techniques: Pass or Good
- · Personal Formularium\*\*: Pass or Good

#### Year 2

- Block test: Pass or Good
- · Progress test: Pass or Good
- · Skills test: Pass or Good
- · Professional Behaviour: Pass
- . CORE\*: Pass or Good
- · Personal Formularium\*\*: Pass or Good
- Elective: Pass or Good

#### Year 3:

- · Clusters: Pass, Good or Excellent
- · Progress test: Pass or Good
- · Skills test: Pass or Good
- · Professional Behaviour: Pass, Good or Excellent
- · CORE\*: Pass or Good
- · Chronic illness\*\*\*: Pass or Good
- \* CORE is a longitudinal course in communication and reflection skills
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- ... Dealing with chronic illness

- Authentic document
- Altered grading scale to increase calculated GPA

#### Universität Heidelberg

### **BACHELORURKUNDE**



geboren am 17.09.1975 in Stuttgart - Bad Cannstatt

hat am 27.März 1997

die Bachelorprüfung in der Fachrichtung

#### Angewandte Informatik (2,0)

mit Erfolg abgelegt.

Aufgrund dieser Prüfung verleiht ihm die

Universität Heidelberg

den akademischen Grad

Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.)

Heidelberg, den 27.März 1997



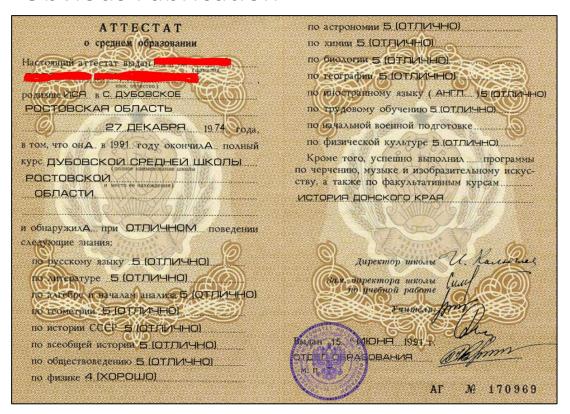




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- Creating a new document from scratch
- Made to resemble an authentic credential

### **Obvious Fabrication**



- Font wrong
- Color wrong



### **Not So Obvious Fabrication**



### Verification

- Electronic
  - Instant
  - Free or fee-based
- Direct
  - Time/Resourceconsuming
  - Reliability issues

- Was this credential issued by your institution?
- Does the information on this credential match your internal records?



- Mail
  - Post or courier?
- Email
  - Official email address/ domain, or yahoomail/ gmail.com?



### Verifying Degree Conferral

- + Confirms award of degree/credential from primary or semiprimary source
- + Affirms student identity
- + Can confirm professional qualification
- Does not always confirm subjects or curriculum
- Does not confirm performance or grades
- Limited data or op
- Can be optional to student
- When tools for confirming degree conferral exist, it is imperative to use them for efficient and effective credential evaluation



### Ecuador



- Ministerio de Educación Primary and secondary education
  - Contains records from dating back to 1985
- Consejo de Educación Superior Post-secondary
  - Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (SENESCYT)

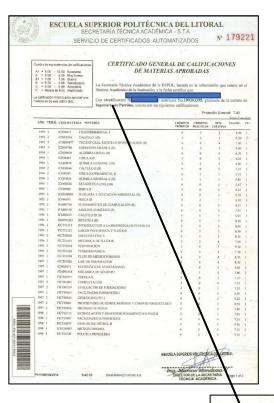


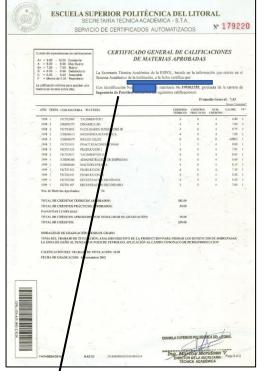
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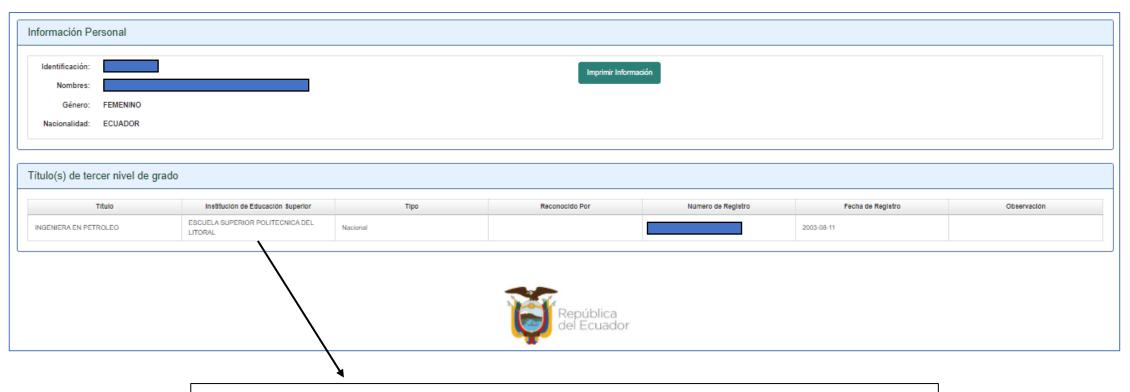
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### Verifying Results

- + Confirms results of examinations and/or coursework
- + Affirms student identity and performance
- + Confirms program content through course titles
- Less common
- Huge data set required
- Does not confirm performance or grades
- Direct verification is more likely to answer the question "Does the data on this credential match your internal records?"



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PHYSICS	C3
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Grade B3	-	Good
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# **Bogus Institutions**





School is fully recognized

Awarding institution is recognized but a separate institution conducts the teaching

School was recognized for a period, but recognition expired School is recognized but certain programs are not

School exists
but is not
(yet)
recognized

School does not exist, but claims fake recognition

### **Important Terms**

### Recognized

Official status usually given by a governmental body, in the context of authorization to award degrees

### **Accredited**

Status of external QA recognition, an indication that the minimum educational standards have been met. Typically a voluntary process, but it may be a condition for funding, transfer credit, licensure, etc. The reviewing entity may or may not be a governmental body.



## **Gray-Area Terms**



### **Incorporated**

Having formed a legal corporation

### **Chartered**

Having rights & privileges established by a charter. However, an entity can form a corporation and have the corporation charter itself.

### **Licensed or Registered**

Usually refers to having a permit to operate as a business. "Registered" can also refer to a status that is a prerequisite for candidacy for accreditation.

### **Alternative Ways of Earning Credit**

- Credit by equivalency examinations (CLEP...)
- Credit for independent study or private study
- Credit for weekend programs, evening programs, summer programs
- Credit for life-experience learning (internships, volunteer work – social work, political campaigns, study travel)
- BUT NOT AN ENTIRE DEGREE!



### Why is it so easy?

- "Golden Age of the Internet"
- A way to advertise to millions at very little cost
- A way to remain anonymous
- An easy electronic banking system
- Growth in technology for more sophisticated fakes
- Emergence of transnational and online programs to confuse the issue
- No standardized definition
- Lack of jurisdictional authority



### "United Kingdom"

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# Harrington University

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HAVING DEMONSTRATED ABILITY
BY GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP SUMMA CUM LAUDE -- WITH GREATEST DISTINCTION
THE DEGREE

### Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THERETO PERTAINING

GIVEN THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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### Master of Arts in Health Care Administration

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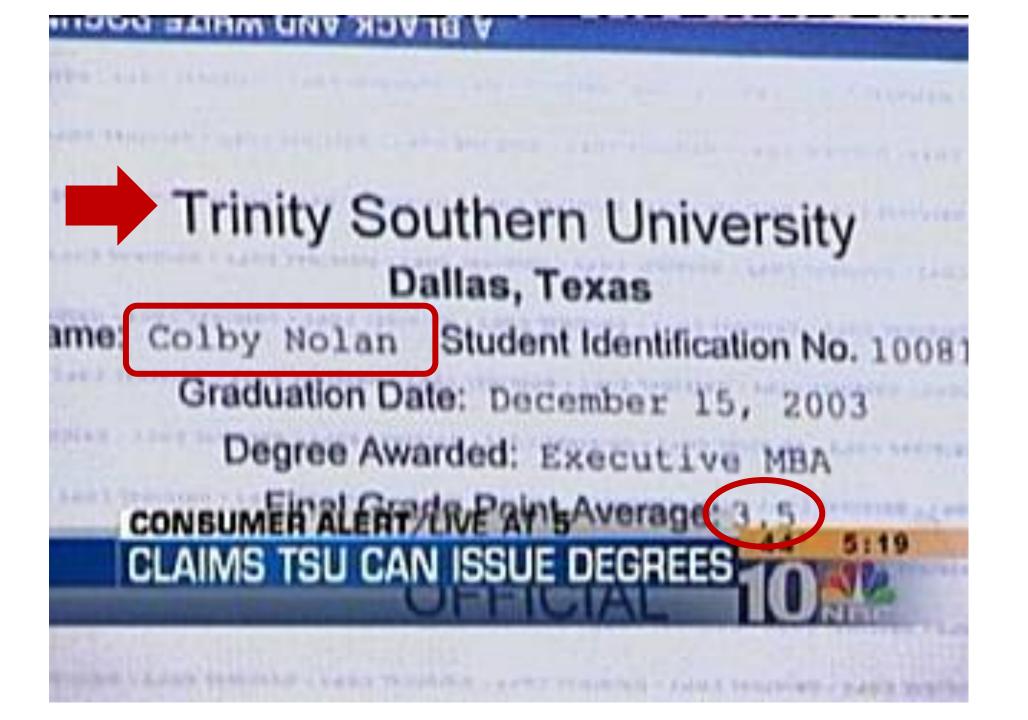
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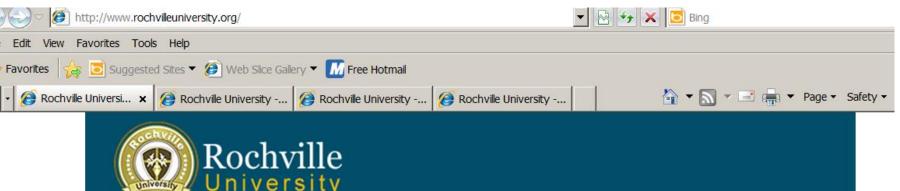
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#### **Faculty Area**

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### **New Student** Guide

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Bachelor's Program

Offering a total of 125 credits to select from to complete the bachelor's program. More

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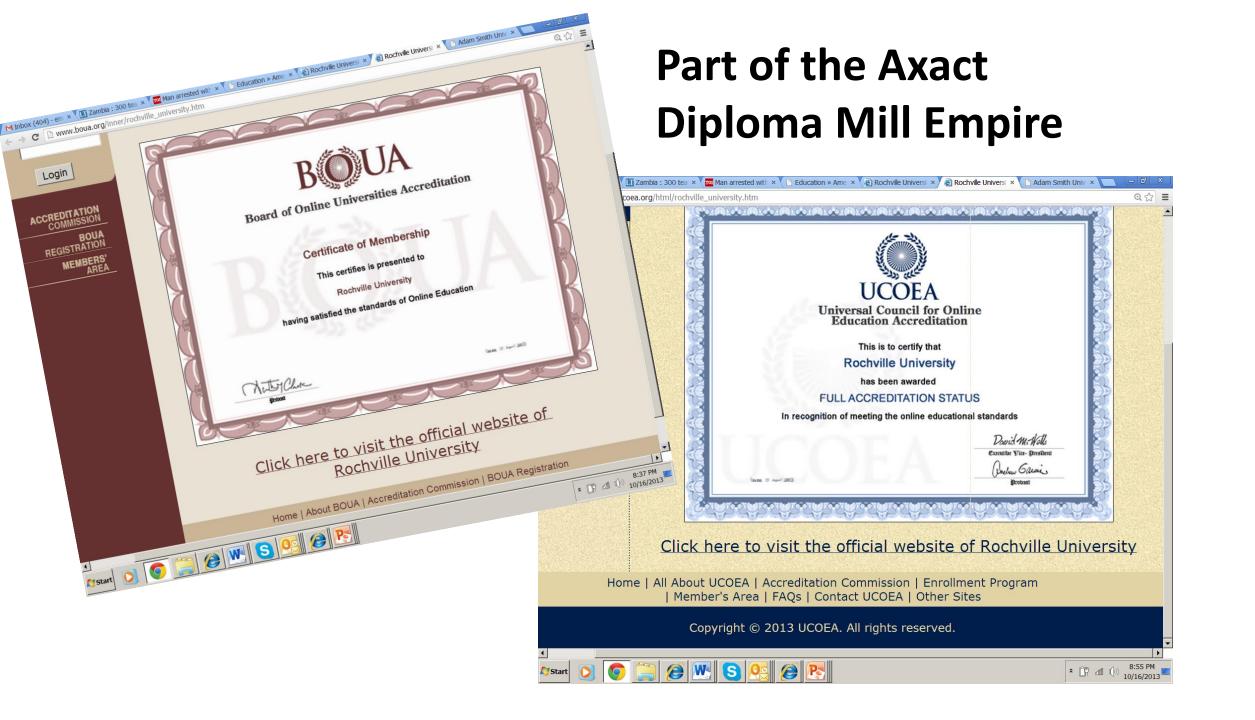
- . The board is considering two new majors to be included in the Master's program.
- As a result of our quality services in the area of online education, Rochville University received this year's Austin's Award for Excellence

#### Why Rochville?

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- BOUA's letter of accreditation for Rochville University
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- Oners wide range of courses to help your career pro-

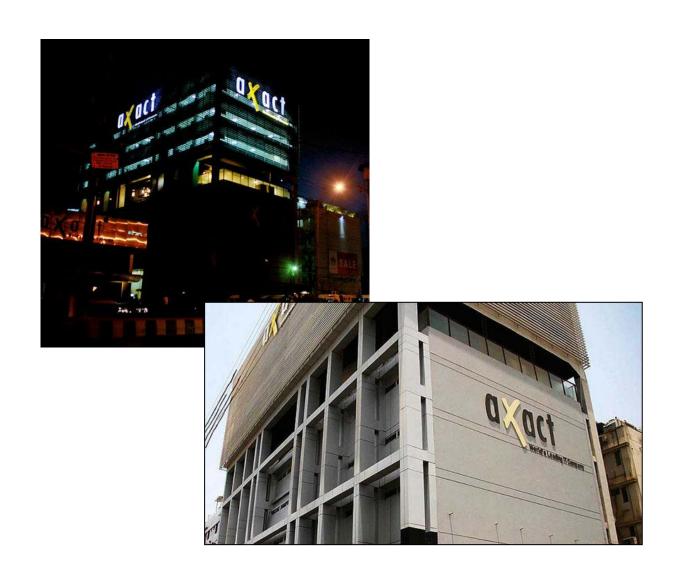
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- Nursing
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Education
- Criminal Justice
- Marketing



### **Largest Diploma Mill Scam: Axact**

- Ostensibly operated as a software firm in Pakistan
- Over 1,000 websites for high schools, universities, fake accrediting bodies, educational search portals
- Sold more than 8 mil high school & university diplomas in 191 countries
- Estimated to have made tens of millions of dollars each year



### **Western Advanced Central University**

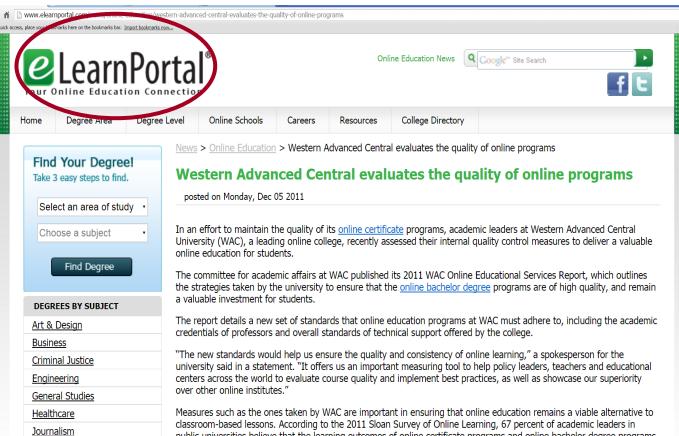


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public universities believe that the learning outcomes of online certificate programs and online bachelor degree programs

In a recent evaluation process at WAC University, the institute was granted accreditation by the board of accreditation at ACOHE The Accreditation Council for Online Higher Education (ACOHE) recently revised its accreditation status for Western Advanced Central (WAC) University for all of its courses and programs that are offered through its online campuses. The accreditation certifies and asserts that the learning and teaching processes at the WAC University meet the rigorous standards that are erected by ACOHE. "WAC University has met all our expectations that any quality online institution is supposed to hold while mparting quality education to the students", said the president of ACOHE who delivered the certificate of accreditation to the Vice Chancellor of the university. "The accreditation status is a testimony to the fact the university has shown commitment to improvement of the educational processes at their respective campuses. We, at ACOHE, are glad to have accorded the accreditation status to WAC University". The vice chancellor of WAC University was overwhelmed with emotions at this occasion. He

commented, "The faculty and then administration at WAC University is ived the accreditation status from ACOHE once again. I thank the accreditation team nd resources in order to provide a rigorous review of our degree programs that are an institution ACOHE continues to grow as an accreditation agency that has been

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- o Providing students with recommendation letters for better job placements
- · Assisting students through online communication

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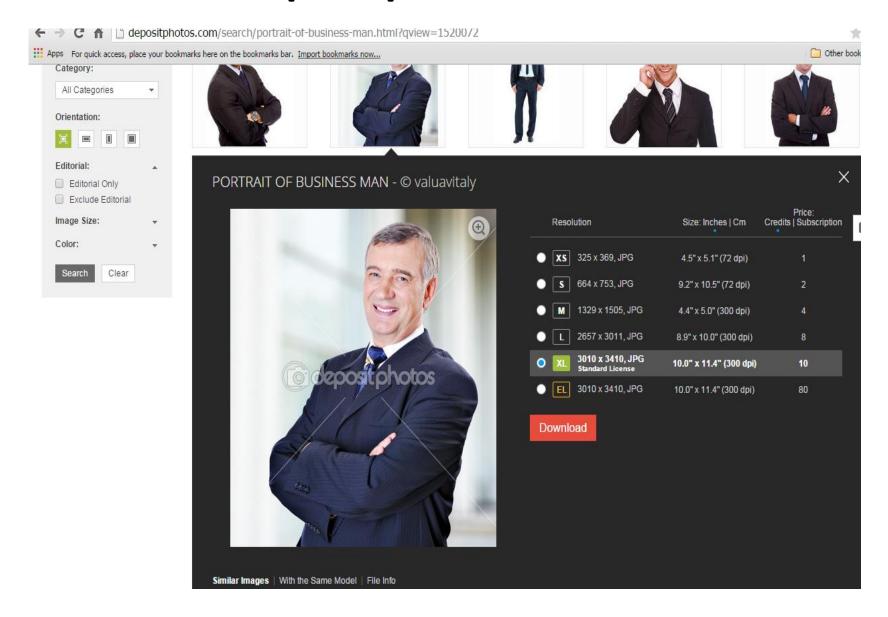
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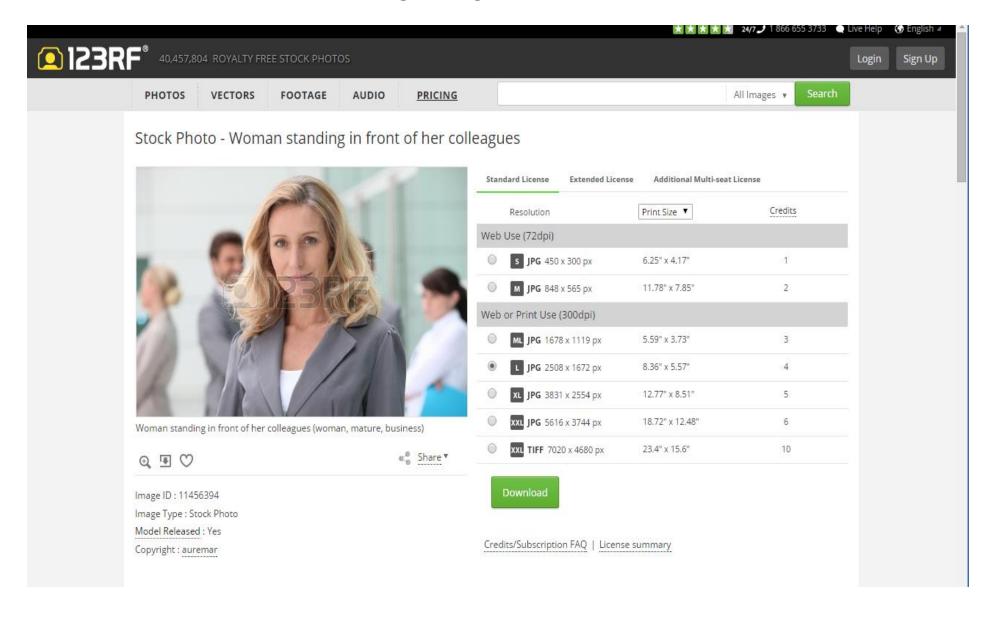
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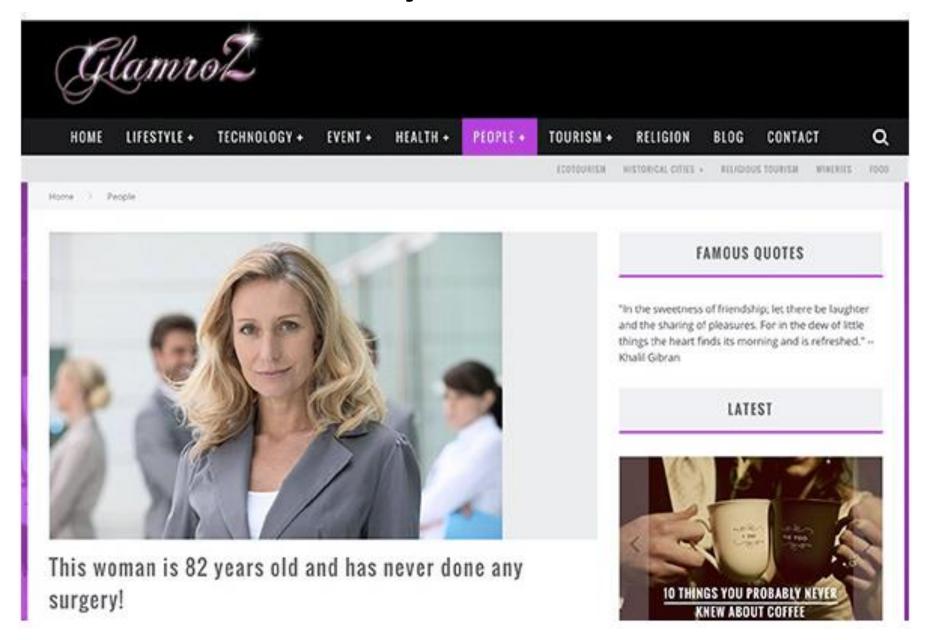
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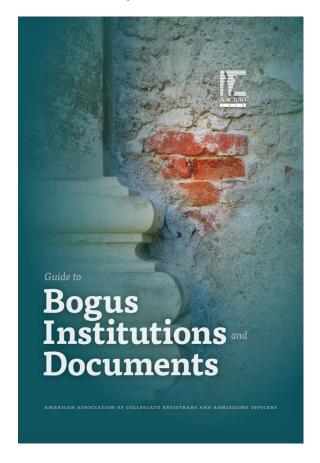
# Resources

#### **2021 AACRAO Publication**

# Guide to Bogus Institutions and Documents

https://community.aacrao.org/CPBase item?id=a1H3w00000w5aevEAA

\$75 members, \$108 non-members



# Free Recording: AACRAO Webinar from February 3, 2022

Fraudbusters: The Battle Against Diploma Mills

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jK2IcOsTJ1M









# **2018 FRAUDOC E-publication** (free)

http://www.cimea.it/mktg/guidelines\_on\_diploma\_mills/files/downloads/Guidelines%20on%20Diploma%20Mills.pdf



# Scholaro List of Unaccredited Universities (free)

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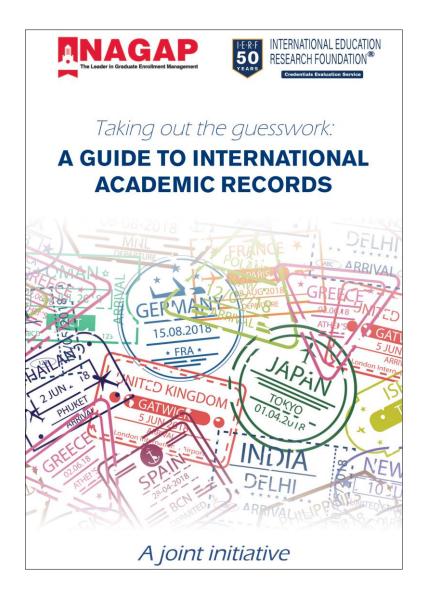
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Presentations

#### **Unaccredited Universities**

This is a list of colleges, universities, and other institutions that do not have the equivalent of regional academic accreditation. Some of these institutions may have legal authority to enroll students and grant degrees, but do not have regional academic accreditation for various reasons.

Name	Country of Operation	Location	
Academy of Natural Therapies	United States	Formerly in Hawaii until closed by court order; may have reopened in Wyoming or Montana.	
Addison State University	Canada	Ottawa	
American Bible College University	United States	Arizona	
American Central University	United States	Wyoming	
American Century University	United States	New Mexico	
American Coastline University	United States	Formerly operated from mailbox rental services in Hawaii and Louisiana.	
American College of Metaphysical Theology	United States	Golden Valley, Minnesota	



Important to be able to identify what is legit and valid...

# **2019 A Guide to International Academic Records (free)**

https://ierf.org/for-institutions/ierf-vault/

# **2020** Ministries of Education & Verification Resources (free)

https://www.taicep.org/taiceporgwp/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/TAYD-Researchat-Your-Desk-MOE-Resource-List.pdf



# World Higher Education Database (free)

www.whed.net

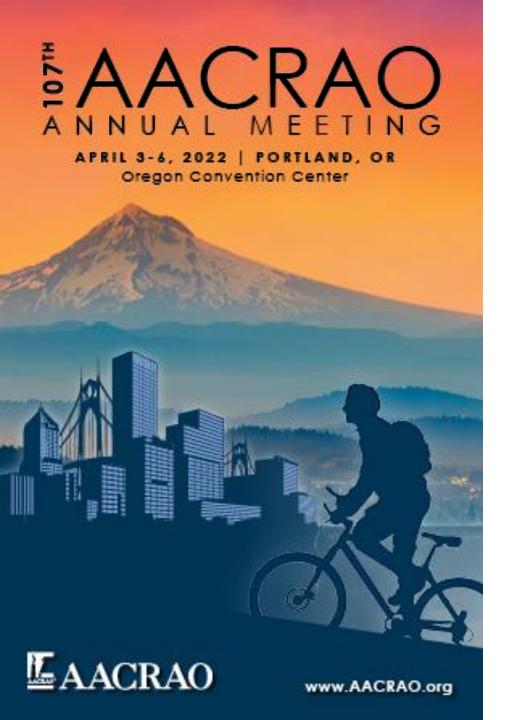


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