

Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2025

Members Present	Staff Present	Members Excused Absence
Chair Luke Hennen	Alicia Popowski	Justin Terrell
Scott Nadeau for Andrew Evans	Angie Rohow	Kelly Phillips
Bobbie Holtberg	Erik Misselt	
Jason Bennett	Jessi Knowles	Counsel Present
Jennifer Foster	Katie Cederstrom	David Cullen, A.G. Office
Jim Yang	Michelle Haggberg	Christopher Kaisershot, A.G. Office
Nigel Perrote	Mike Cumiskey	
Scott Kent	Rob Skoro	Others Present
Shawn Williams	Sarah Zastrow	Anne Lanier
Shelly Schaefer	Schyler Beaty	Erick Phillip Carl Olsen
Stephanie Burrage	Shari Bartness	Mark Schneider, LELS
Stephanie Revering		
Tad Farrell		
Tanya Gladney		
Troy Wolbersen		

- 1. Call to order: Chair Hennen called the meeting to order on April 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Approval of the agenda: Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
 - MOTION: Ms. Holtberg made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 3. <u>Approval of the Board meeting minutes on January 23, 2025</u>: Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the January 23, 2025 minutes.
 - MOTION: Chief Kent made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 4. <u>R6700.0501 reciprocity rule changes:</u> Ms. Popowski provided an update from the Rules Committee regarding R6700.0501. The Rules Committee decided not to make any modifications and requested for this to be brought back to the Board for consideration of approval.

Discussion ensued on Subp 7. Qualification and regarding higher education.

The Board sent this back to the Rules Committee for further discussion and for a final draft to be submitted.

- 5. Variance request Anne Lanier: Ms. Popowski presented Ms. Lanier's variance request. Ms. Lanier was present for the meeting. Ms. Lanier is requesting a variance 6700.0300 Subp. 5, item B(2) and 6700.0700 Subp. 1, item D(3)(c) due to a domestic assault conviction in 2015. This offense is included in the minimum selection standards as a disqualifier and prevents Ms. Lanier from entering the PPOE skills program.
 - MOTION: Dr. Williams made a motion for the Board to deny the petitioner's request for a variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0300 Subp. 5 item B(2) and 6700.0700 Subp. 1, item D(3)(c) because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance has not been met. The motion was seconded by Chief Revering. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 6. <u>Variance request Seth Noll:</u> Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Noll's variance request. Mr. Noll was not present for the meeting. Mr. Noll is requesting a variance 6700.0501 Subp 7. He is 1 year and 2 months short of the reciprocity requirement for degree holders
 - MOTION: Dr. Schaefer made a motion for the Board to deny the petitioner's request for a
 variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0501 Subp. 7 because the statutory criteria for a discretionary
 variance has not been met. Dr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous
 voice vote.
- 7. Variance request Erick Phillip Carl Olsen: Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Olsen's variance request. Mr. Olsen was present for the meeting. Mr. Olsen is requesting a variance 6700.0700 Subp. 1 item D(3)(e). He has a Violation of an Order for Protection from 2007 and is requesting a variance from the rule so that he can be able to take the PPOE exam.
 - MOTION: Dr. Gladney made a motion to deny the petitioner's request for variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0700 Subp. 1 item D(3)(e) because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance has not been met. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 8. Pre-service Training: Ms. Popowski provided a summary of work on 6700.0300 and 6700.0400.

Discussion ensued.

- 9. <u>Appointment of new Board Vice-Chair and announcement of committee assignments:</u> Director Misselt spoke about a new Board Vice Chair nomination for Scott Kent.
 - MOTION: Chief Revering made a motion for Scott Kent to be the new Board Vice Chair. Dr.
 Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 10. **Executive Director report:** Director Misselt spoke about the following:
 - Continuing Education forms being brought online.
 - Legislation update: 2x Omnibus bills regarding the POST Board that is currently awaiting a vote.
 - Odyssey funding for additional Salesforce work.
 - Automatic revocations.
 - MN POST Board review/ revisions to the model policies and will be brought to the Board for consideration and approval.

- 11. Licensure matters (closed to the public)
- 12. <u>Licensure hearing Sievert:</u> Mr. Kaisershot presented arguments and a closing statement during the open portion of the meeting.
- 13. Deliberations Sievert (closed to the public)
- 14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.





POST BOARD WORKSHEET FOR VARIANCE REQUEST

Date of Board meeting: July 24, 2025

Petitioner: Mohammed Kromah

Basis for Variance Request: Mr. Kromah has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Cuttington University (Liberia). Cuttington University is not regionally accredited; therefore, it does not meet the definition of a "school."

Rule Citation:

Rule 6700.0100, subpart 20. School. "School" means a postsecondary institution which is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations and authorized to award academic degrees including, but not limited to, Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees, Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees, and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees.

Summary of Request (also see actual request attached): Mr. Kromah is a cadet with the Minneapolis Police Department and would like to attend the ICPOET program at HTC. Cuttington University is not regionally accredited; therefore, Mr. Kromah is ineligible to attend the ICPOET program as his degree does not satisfy the provisions described in chapter 6700. Mr. Kromah is seeking a variance from the Board to recognize Cuttington University as a school, thus validating his degree. In turn, this will allow Mr. Kromah to enroll in the ICPOET program. Mr. Kromah had his degree evaluated by World Education Services (WES). WES determined Mr. Kromah's degree is equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university in the United States.

Previous Board Action on Similar Requests:

- 2022- Board granted three variance requests to recognize a foreign education facility as a school under 6700.0100, subpart 20.
- 2023- Board granted a variance to recognize a foreign education facility as a school under 6700.0100, subpart 20.
- 2024 Board granted two variances to recognize a foreign education facility as a school under 6700.0100, subpart 20

Board Review of Variance Request:

- The Board may ask questions or request additional information from the petitioner.
- The Board cannot waive statutory requirements.
- The Board may attach any conditions to the granting of a variance needed to protect public health and safety.

1.	Would the application of the rule, as applied to the circumstances of the petitioner, serve any of the purposes of the rule?		
	• If yes, go to Step. 2 below.		
	 If no, this is a mandatory variance and must be granted. To grant the variance: a. Identify any conditions to the granting of the variance needed to ensure the variance protects the public health and safety; 		
	b. Determine how long should the variance be in effect; and		
	c. Make a motion.		
	• Sample motion to GRANT a mandatory variance: I make a motion for the Board to approve the petitioner's request for a variance because application of the Minnesota Rule 6700, as applied to the circumstances of the petitioner, would not serve any of the purposes of the rule. I move that the variance be granted until with the following conditions		
2.	If this is a discretionary variance, the board may grant it <i>only</i> if the board determines that <i>al</i> three are true:		
	a. Application of the rule to the petitioner would result in hardship or injustice;		
	b. Variance from the rule would be consistent with public interest; and		
	 Variance from the rule would not negatively impact the substantial legal or economic rights of any person or entity. 		
	• Sample motion to GRANT a discretionary variance: I make a motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for discretionary variance have been met. I move that the variance of Minnesota Rul 6700.		
	• Sample motion to DENY a discretionary variance: I make a motion for the Board to deny the petitioner's request for a variance of Minnesota Rule 6700because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance have not been met. Specifically, [identify all that apply]: a. Application of the rule to the petitioner would not result in hardship or injustice;		
	b. Variance from the rule would <u>not</u> be consistent with public interest;		
	c. Variance from the rule would prejudice the legal or economic rights of any person.		



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Request for a Variance of a Minnesota Rule

A person or entity may petition the POST Board for a variance from a board-adopted Rule as applied to the particular circumstances of the petition per Minn. Stat. 14.055.

To request a variance complete this form and submit it to the POST Board along with the supporting documentation by mail or fax, or by email to Postboard.agency.docs@state.mn.us.

Pet	itioner (person or entity): MOHAMMED ABRAHAM KROMAH
F	Petitioner Contact Name:
9	Street Address: Email address:
(City, State, Zip Cod Phone:
Va	riance Request
1.	Cite the Minn. Rule that is the subject of the request: 6700-0100. Subport 20. School.
2.	Briefly describe /summarize the specific variance from Rule being requested.
	REQUESTING A VARIANCE ON THE BERINITION OF SCHOOL
3.	State the period of time for which the variance is requested:

Details - Please submit your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet. List the question # with the response.

- What are the reasons and circumstances that make this request necessary? Include why you cannot comply with
 the Rule as stated, and what alternate equivalent measures (if any) you have taken or will take to comply with the
 intent of the rule.
- 2. What are the reasons you believe the variance is justified? Your answer to this question should explain why you believe (a) application of the rule to you would result in hardship or injustice, (b) variance from the rule would be consistent with the public interest, and (c) variance from the rule would not prejudice the substantial legal or economic rights of any person or entity.
- 3. To your knowledge, does this request involve other Minn. Rules? If so, cite the other Rules.
- 4. Has the POST Board taken action regarding you or your situation related to this variance request? If so explain and provide any documentation.
- 5. Has the Board, to your knowledge, taken any action on a similar variance request?
- 6. Do you know of any person or entity that would be adversely affected if the POST Board granted this variance request? If so, explain.

Affirmation and signature:

I affirm that the information submitted within this application is true and correct and, that I have read and understand the Tennessen Warning on page 2 of this form. Note: The warning applies to individuals but not organizations.

Signature 05/20/2025 MOHAMMED ARRAMAM EROMOH MR.

Printed Name/title

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Tennessen Warning

I understand this variance request to the Minnesota Peace Officers Standards and Training Board ("Board") will be discussed at a public board meeting. I acknowledge that the Board may discuss any of my pertinent licensing history, as well as any of the information within, during the public Board meeting. I understand that under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, some data in this request and in relevant Board records may be classified as private data and would not normally be accessible to the public. I hereby authorize the Board to discuss this request and any corresponding materials, records, or data within any license application(s) or other Board records, and any issues related to this request at the Board meeting. The purpose of this authorization is to provide information to assist the Board's review of the request. This authorization expires one year after the date provided below. I understand that I can withdraw this authorization at any time by notifying the Board in writing before the one year period expires, but the withdrawal will not be retroactive. I understand that I am not legally required to sign this form and am doing so on my own accord. However, I also understand that if I restrict the release of certain information, the Board will not discuss my variance request. I understand that if my request pertains to a licensure application, the application will be approved or denied based solely on the application and information submitted within. I agree that I will not bring any legal claim or action against the Board alleging a violation of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act or the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

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POST VARIANCE REQUEST QUESTION RESPONSES

- What are the reasons and circumstances that make this request necessary?
 - I am currently with the Minneapolis Police Department as an intern learning various roles basically shadowing what police officers do. I apply to the Minneapolis cadet program which is in coordination with the Hennepin Technical College called the ICPOET. This program needs me to have a variance so that my Internationally acquired bachelor's degree which has been evaluated by the world education service. Can be used to meet the degree eligibility criteria since I haven't attended any school in the United States. My degree has been deemed equivalent to a bachelor's degree in the United States, which will enable me to meet the Minnesota POST board requirements to be a licensed police officer.
- 2. What are the reasons you believe the variance is justified?

 The variance is justified because of the financial hardship of me having to pay to acquire a degree in America which come with additional cost and time frame that will delay my goal to become a police officer and serve the city of Minneapolis and its various communities. This variance doesn't grant me any special privilege but just afford me the same benefits of other applicants who have the same degree as me and mine has been evaluated to be equivalent to theirs. Granting me this variance will not harm any public interest but rather enable me to pursue my goal to be a police officer hence align with public interest in terms of public safety. In addition to also meeting all the POST board requirements.
- 4. Has the POST board taken action regarding you or your situation to this variance request? If so explain and provide any documentation This is my first time applying for this variance so there hasn't been any past actions taken by the POST board regarding my situation or this variance request.

5. Has the board, to your knowledge, taken any action on a similar variance request?
To my knowledge and after speaking with an employee of the Hennepin Technical college the POST board have reviewed and granted similar variance request in the past under similar circumstances to mine. Where applicant show intent to meet all the requirements of the POST board for

licensing police officer and posed no risk to public interest or safety.

6. Do you know any person or entity that would be adversely affected if the POST board granted this variance request?
No, I'm not aware of any person or entity that would be adversely affected if this variance is granted. This variance enables me to pursue my goal to be a police officer which involve meeting all the requirement of the POST board. Which will intend serve to improve the public interest and safety of the city of Minneapolis.

Cuttington Anibersity

To All Who May Read These Letters Greetings By Stuthority of the Board of Justees of Cuttington University

and whom the recommendation of the faculty Mohammed A. Kromah

has been admitted to the degree of

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Witness the seal of the University and the signatures of its officers Given at Suakoko Glarnga Liberia this <u>29</u> day of June and is entitled to all the rights and honors thereto appertaining Two Thousand and Thirteen



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Secretary of the Board of Justices

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Name:

KROMAH, Mohammed Abraham

Date of Birth:

August 02, 1988

Date: April 11, 2024

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U.S. EQUIVALENCY SUMMARY

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution

Second Evaluation Report (original completed on December 22, 2023)

CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

1. Name on Credential:

Credential Authentication:

Country or Territory:

Credential:

Year: Awarded By:

Status:

Admission Requirements:

Length of Program:

Major:

Mohammed A. Kromah

Documents were sent directly by the institution

Liberia

Bachelor of Science

2013

Cuttington University

Accredited Institution

Senior High School Certificate

Four years

Biology

U.S. Equivalency:

Bachelor's degree





COURSE-BY-COURSE ANALYSIS

Name: KROMAH, Mohammed Abraham

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STITUTIONS - DATES - SUBJECTS	U.S. Semester Credits	U.S. Grades
uttington University		
009-2010		
Principles of Biology I	4.0	Α
Principles of Chemistry I	4.0	Α
Introduction to Physical Education	(1.0)	R*
) Fundamentals of Communication I	3.0	C
) Pre-Calculus I	3.0	Α
Principles of Biology II	4.0	Α
Principles of Chemistry II	4.0	В
) Fundamentals of Communication II	3.0	C
Fundamentals of French I	3.0	Α
) Pre-Calculus II	3.0	C
) Microbiology	4.0	Α
) Calculus I	3.0	В
<u>)10-2011</u>		
) Zoology	4.0	Α
Comparative Chordate Anatomy	4.0	C
Organic Chemistry I	4.0	C
Introduction to Computer Science	3.0	A
Fundamentals of Literature in English	3.0	В
) Moral Ethics and Social Values	3.0	C
) Vertebrate Embryology	4.0	Α
l) Ecology	4.0	В
) Organic Chemistry II	4.0	В
) Advanced Composition	3.0	C
) Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3.0	В
J) Parasitology	4.0	A
Introductory Physics I	4.0	A
011-2012		
J) Genetics	4.0	A
J) Immunology	3.0	A
J) General Anatomy	4.0	A
J) Hematology	4.0	В
J) Biochemistry (Continued on next page)	4.0	В



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INSTITUTIONS - DATES - SUBJECTS	U.S. Semester Credits	U.S. Grades
(U) General Physiology	4.0	Α
(U) Physical Chemistry for Biologists	3.0	В
(U) Science Research Method	1.0	Α
(U) Histology and Micro-techniques	4.0	Α
(U) Service Learning	3.0	В
(U) General Botany	4.0	Α
(U) Principles of Psychology	3.0	Α
2012-2013		
(U) Molecular Biology	3.0	Α
(L) Introduction to Physical Education	1.0	Α
(L) Introduction to Environmental Sciences, Resources and Materials	3.0	C
(L) History of African Up to 1800	3.0	Α
Senior Thesis	1.0	В

SUMMARY

Total Undergraduate Semester Credits:

137.0 GPA: 3.36



POST BOARD WORKSHEET FOR VARIANCE REQUEST

Date of Board meeting: July 24, 2025

Petitioner: Darel Tapia

Basis for Variance Request: Mr. Tapia has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice & Criminal Investigation from the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico (aka Inter American University of Puerto Rico). The Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico is not regionally accredited; therefore, it does not meet the definition of a "school".

Rule Citation:

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Summary of Request (also see actual request attached): Mr. Tapia is currently a cadet with the Minneapolis Police Department. Mr. Tapia would like to attend the ICPOET program at HTC and then transition to a peace officer role with MPD (after successful completion of the examination). The Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico is not a regionally accredited university; thus, Mr. Tapia is not able to enroll in the ICPOET program as his degree does not satisfy the requirements in chapter 6700. Mr. Tapia is seeking a variance from the Board to recognize the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico as a school, thus validating his degree. If the variance is granted, Mr. Tapia will be able to enroll in the ICPOET program and continue down the path for licensure. Educational Credential Evaluators completed a degree evaluation on Mr. Tapia's degree and concluded it was equivalent to a degree issued in the U.S. by a regionally accredited institution.

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Petitio	oner (person or entity): Darel Tapia		
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6.	Do you know of any person or entity the request? If so, explain.	hat would be adversely affected	d if the POST Board granted this variance
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Signat	ure ///	Date Page 1 of 2	Printed Name/title 5/1/2022

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Request for Rule Variance

Greetings, to whom this may concern

My name is Darel Tapia and I am in the process of becoming a police officer through the program that the Minneapolis Police Department offers which provides education and trainings for future officers known as the Cadet program in which one is needed to have either a Bachelors and/or an Associate's degree to qualify into taking courses and skill training to be able to complete the POST exam and later become a Police Officer. 1.) Which in this case I am required to file a variance request due to unexpected circumstances that have led to a Degree and course by course evaluation through ECE.org (Educational Credential Evaluators) for my degree and education that I have received through The Interamerican University of Puerto Rico Metro Campus that resulted in a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminal Investigations, which had to be evaluated due to my education not being regarded as one received within the 50 states, although Puerto Rico is a United States Territory accredited by the U.S Department of Education. In its entirety preventing my full compliance with the POST Board Rule 6700.0700 subpart 1. In addition, 2.) I am unable to comply with the Rule as currently stated because my degree and education needed evaluation to prove its validity and to comply with the requirements for Hennepin Technical College to be able to partake in the Cadet Program provided by the Minneapolis Police Department and receive my Theory classes and Skills training which I was on course to begin on May 19 through the final weeks of September and requested to be eligible to take the POST test and have the ability to become a licensed police officer in the state of Minnesota. A.) The application of this rule has caused undue hardship due to prolonging my process and having to return as an intern in the Minneapolis Police Department and push back my ability to become a Police Officer to a later date and also in terms of having to pay for the evaluation without financial help. B.) Granting this variance aligns with the public interest by providing more protection in the City of Minneapolis and allowing someone with the desires to make change and promote safety within the community and grow the Minneapolis Police Department with someone devoted to Protect with Courage and serve with compassion. C.) To my knowledge no person or entity will suffer legal or economic harm as a result of this variance. The requested deviation does not affect the safety, security, or integrity of law enforcement practices in Minnesota. 3.) To my knowledge does not involve other Minnesota Rules aside from 6700.0700 subpart 1 and 6700.0100 subpart 20 School. If in any case I am still in violation of any rule for my variance to be accepted I in advance apologize for such rule being violated or a requirement not being met and would like to be informed of such violation if there is any. 4.) In my case I am unable to state whether or not the POST board has acted on any requests similar to this one, although I can attest that two other colleagues of mine have to take this same course of action due to our education being from outside of the 50 states and for a fact are in accordance with my desires or serving the community of Minneapolis within the Minneapolis Police Department. 5.) To my knowledge the only cases similar to this variance request would be the ones from my colleagues which should be submitted for the same or a similar situation to mines. 6.) I am not aware of any individual or entity that would be adversely affected by the granting of this variance. To my belief accepting this variance in accordance to that of my colleagues allows others that desire to serve their communities in a positive way and have a situation similar to this one be able to have a chance in fulfilling their goal and actually provide a positive outcome to the society as we would be able to as this variance is accepted and we are able to carry this on to the best of our ability.

101 West Pleasant Street Suite 200 Milwaukee, WI 53212 USA ECE.org

COURSE BY COURSE EVALUATION REPORT

Name:

Darel R TAPIA

Date of Birth:

25 August 1999

Report Date: 23 May 2025

Purpose: Employment

Evaluation report based on original and/or authenticated educational documents.

U.S. Equivalent Summary

Bachelor degree, major area of study: Criminal Justice and Criminal Investigation

U.S. Equivalence:

Bachelor degree, major area of study: Criminal Justice and Criminal Investigation

Grade Average:

3.50

Credential:

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminal Investigation

Institution:

Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, also known as Inter American

University of Puerto Rico

Institution Status:

Equivalent of U.S. regional academic accreditation

Country:

Puerto Rico

Date:

2021

Admission Requirement:

U.S. equivalent of a high school diploma

Comments:

The Comprehensive Grade Average, which includes all qualitative grades

received, is 3.14.

Courses	U.S. Credits	U.S. Grades
Introduction to Criminology	3.00	В
Reading & Writing	3.00	А
Quantitative Reasoning	3.00	В
Literature & Communication: Narrative & Essay	3.00	В
Literature & Writing	3,00	А
Information & Computer Literacy (12)	[3.00]	F
Literacy & Communication: Poetry & Theater (12)	[3.00]	D
General Psychology I	3.00	В
Writing & Research	3.00	A

Courses	U.S. Credits	U.S. Grades
Historical Process of Contemporary Puerto Rico	3.00	С
World View Through Literature	3.00	С
Introduction to Political Science	3.00	Α
Juvenile Justice System	3.00	Α
Introduction to Christian Faith	3.00	Α
Integrating Health & Quality of Life (4)	3.00	Α
Criminal Justice System	3.00	Α
Human & Civil Rights	3.00	С
Interviews & Interrogation (4)	3.00	A
Art Appreciation (4)	3.00	С
Ethics & Social Responsibility (4)	3.00	А
Literature & Communication: Essay & Theater (12)	[3.00]	D
Police & Community	3.00	А
Criminal Law (4)	3.00	A
Introduction to Money Laundering (4)	3.00	А
Ancient & Medieval Western Civilization (4)	3,00	А
Criminal Proceedings in Justice System	3.00	A
Special Criminal Laws (4)	3.00	A
Criminal Investigation (4)	3.00	А
Information & Computing Technology	3.00	В
Victims of Crime	3.00	A
White-Collar Crime (4)	3,00	A
Federal Jurisdiction (4)	3.00	А
Natural Environment & the Human Being	3.00	В
Introduction to Sociology	[3.00]	W
Modern Techniques in Criminal Investigation (4)	3.00	А
Fraud Detection & Management (4)	3.00	В
Criminal Justice Seminar (4)	3.00	А
Statistics I	3.00	С
Alternative Methods in Conflict Resolution (4)	3.00	A

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Courses	U.S. Credits	U.S. Grades
Evidence Management (4)	3.00	В
Modern & Contemporary Western Civilization	[3.00]	W
Introduction to Sociology (12)	[3.00]	F
Social-Scientific Research Methods (4)	4.00	А
Modern & Contemporary Western Civilization (4)	3.00	Α
Literature & Communication: Essay & Theater (12)	[3.00]	D
Introduction to Sociology (12)	[3.00]	D
Literature & Communication: Essay & Theater	3.00	В
Introduction to Sociology	3.00	В
Total semester hours of undergraduate credit:	121.00	233500

(4) Upper level course, (12) Course repeated

- End of Report -

Inter American Aniversity of Puerto Rico

by virtue of the authority vested in them and upon the recommendation Ohe Board of Trustees of Inter American University of Puerto Rico, of the Auculty, have conferred upon Darel R. Capia

who has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of studies, the degree of

Quehelor of Arts

Criminal Justice

together with all the honors, rights and privileges pertaining thereto. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto the official seal of the University.

Given in Puerto Rica, on the 17th day of June, in the year 2022.

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Chairman of the Board of Crustees

President of the Aniversity

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Date of Birth: 25-AUG-1999

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GESP 2203 M

Institution Information continued:

GEEN 2313 M WRITING AND RESEARCH
GEHS 2010 M HISTORICAL PROCESS OF PR

CJUS 2090 M JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

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GECF 1010 M INTRO TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

GEHP 3000 M INTEGRAT HEALTH N QUAL OF LIFE 3.00 A

POLS 1011 M INTROD TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ehrs: 12.00 GPA-Hrs: 12.00 QPts:

TRIMESTER MARCH-JUNE 2018

TRIMESTER AUG-OCT 2018

Date Issued: 15-DEC-2023

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Record of: DAREL R TAPIA Current Name: DAREL R TAPIA

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Issued To: DAREL TAPIA

Course Level: UNDERGRADUATE

Student Type: * High School GPA 3.00

High School: OTRAS. ESC. SUP. PRIVADAS 08-JUN-2017

Only Admit: TRIMESTER AUG-OCT 2017

Current Program
Bachelor of Arts

College : Metropolitan

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POST BOARD WORKSHEET FOR VARIANCE REQUEST

Date of Board meeting: July 24, 2025

Petitioner: Pascal Gidigah

Basis for Variance Request: Mr. Gidigah has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in mathematics from the University of Mines and Technology (Ghana). The University of Mines and Technology is not regionally accredited; therefore, it does not meet the definition of a "school."

Rule Citation:

Rule 6700.0100, subpart 20. School. "School" means a postsecondary institution which is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations and authorized to award academic degrees including, but not limited to, Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees, Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees, and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees.

Summary of Request (also see actual request attached): Mr. Gidigah is a cadet with the Minneapolis Police Department and he would like to attend the ICPOET program at HTC. The University of Mines and Technology is not regionally accredited; therefore, Mr. Gidigah is ineligible to attend the ICPOET program as his degree does not satisfy the provisions described in chapter 6700. Mr. Gidigah is seeking a variance from the Board to recognize the University of Mines and Technology as a school, thus validating his degree. In turn, this will allow Mr. Kromah to enroll in the ICPOET program. Mr. Gidigah had his degree evaluated by World Education Services (WES). WES determined his degree is equivalent to a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States. Mr. Gidigah also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Statistics as well as a Mast of Science degree in applied statistics. Both of these degrees were evaluated by WES and determined to be equivalent to a degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Previous Board Action on Similar Requests:

- 2022 Board granted three variance requests to recognize a foreign education facility as a school under 6700.0100, subpart 20.
- 2023 Board granted a variance to recognize a foreign education facility as a school under 6700.0100, subpart 20.
- 2024 Board granted two variances to recognize a foreign education facility as a school under 6700.0100, subpart 20

Board Review of Variance Request:

- The Board may ask questions or request additional information from the petitioner.
- The Board cannot waive statutory requirements.
- The Board may attach any conditions to the granting of a variance needed to protect public health and safety.

1.	Would the application of the rule, as applied to the circumstances of the petitioner, serve any of the purposes of the rule?							
	• If yes, go to Step. 2 below.							
	• If a.	no, this is a mandatory variance and must be granted. To grant the variance: Identify any conditions to the granting of the variance needed to ensure the variance protects the public health and safety;						
	b.	Determine how long should the variance be in effect; and						
	c.	Make a motion.						
	٠	Sample motion to GRANT a mandatory variance: I make a motion for the Board to approve the petitioner's request for a variance because application of the Minnesota Rule 6700						
2.	three	is a discretionary variance, the board may grant it <i>only</i> if the board determines that <i>all</i> are true:						
	a. Application of the rule to the petitioner would result in hardship or injustice;							
	b. Variance from the rule would be consistent with public interest; and							
		 Variance from the rule would not negatively impact the substantial legal or economic rights of any person or entity. 						
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	С.	Variance from the rule would prejudice the legal or economic rights of any person.						

Petitioner (person or entity): Pascal Gidigah



MINNESOTA BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST Board) 1600 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 200 SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55104-3825

(651) 643-3060 FAX: (651) 643-3072 www.post.state.mn.us

Request for a Variance of a Minnesota Rule

A person or entity may petition the POST Board for a variance from a board-adopted Rule as applied to the particular circumstances of the petition per Minn. Stat. 14.055.

To request a variance complete this form and submit it to the POST Board along with the supporting documentation by mail or fax, or by email to Postboard.agency.docs@state.mn.us.

Pe	titioner Contact Name:					
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	ance Request	6700.0100	subpart 20			
	Cite the Minn. Rule that is the subject of the request: 6700.0100 subpart 20					
	Briefly describe /summarize the spe discretionary variance	ecific variance from Rule being red	quested.			
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2.	believe (a) application of the rule	e to you would result in hardship st, and (c) variance from the rule	nswer to this question should explain why you or injustice, (b) variance from the rule would be would not prejudice the substantial legal or			
3.	To your knowledge, does this req	uest involve other Minn. Rules?	f so, cite the other Rules.			
4.	Has the POST Board taken action provide any documentation.	regarding you or your situation re	elated to this variance request ? If so explain and			
5.	Has the Board, to your knowledg	e, taken any action on a similar va	riance request?			
6.	Do you know of any person or en request? If so, explain.	tity that would be adversely affec	ted if the POST Board granted this variance			
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Tennessen Warning

I understand this variance request to the Minnesota Peace Officers Standards and Training Board ("Board") will be discussed at a public board meeting. I acknowledge that the Board may discuss any of my pertinent licensing history, as well as any of the information within, during the public Board meeting. I understand that under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, some data in this request and in relevant Board records may be classified as private data and would not normally be accessible to the public. I hereby authorize the Board to discuss this request and any corresponding materials, records, or data within any license application(s) or other Board records, and any issues related to this request at the Board meeting. The purpose of this authorization is to provide information to assist the Board's review of the request. This authorization expires one year after the date provided below. I understand that I can withdraw this authorization at any time by notifying the Board in writing before the one year period expires, but the withdrawal will not be retroactive. I understand that I am not legally required to sign this form and am doing so on my own accord. However, I also understand that if I restrict the release of certain information, the Board will not discuss my variance request. I understand that if my request pertains to a licensure application, the application will be approved or denied based solely on the application and information submitted within. I agree that I will not bring any legal claim or action against the Board alleging a violation of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act or the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

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Pascal Gidigah

Detailed Responses - Variance Request

1. What are the reasons and circumstances that make this request necessary?

This variance request is necessary to allow enrolment in the ICPOET program offered through Hennepin Technical College (HCTC) in partnership with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) Cadet Program. Under Minn. R. 6700.0100, Subp. 20, the current definition of "school" does not clearly include innovative or alternative law enforcement training programs like ICPOET that are delivered through structured employment-based cadet models. Because the ICPOET program operates under a non-traditional framework that blends academic instruction with on-the-job training, it may not fully meet the standard interpretation of "school" under the current rule.

Despite this, HCTC is a POST Board-certified institution, and the ICPOET curriculum aligns with all state learning objectives. Alternate, equivalent measures have already been taken to ensure compliance with the rule's intent namely, maintaining academic rigor, qualified instruction, and alignment with POST learning objectives within a recognized academic institution.

2. What are the reasons you believe the variance is justified?

- (a) Application of the rule as written would result in hardship or injustice by preventing qualified candidates especially those recruited through MPD's efforts to diversify and localize its workforce from accessing the ICPOET program and entering the law enforcement profession through a community centered pathway.
- (b) **Granting the variance aligns with the public interest** by supporting programs that promote accessible, community-relevant law enforcement education, particularly for underrepresented populations. ICPOET and the MPD Cadet Program are tailored to address current recruitment challenges and are in direct alignment with public safety and equity goals.
- (c) The variance would not prejudice any substantial legal or economic rights. It would instead support opportunities for individuals from within the community to obtain high-quality law enforcement education and certification. The program does not diminish training standards or pose any risk to public safety or the quality of education.

3. To your knowledge, does this request involve other Minn. Rules?

Not to my knowledge. This request specifically involves the interpretation of "school" under Minn. R. 6700.0100, Subp. 20. However, other rules related to POST certification or training standards may intersect with the ICPOET program design.

4. Has the POST Board taken action regarding you or your situation related to this variance request?

To our knowledge, the POST Board has not taken formal action specifically related to this variance request. Supporting documentation and prior communications may be attached as references, where applicable.

5. Has the Board, to your knowledge, taken any action on a similar variance request?

Yes. There are indications that the POST Board has previously reviewed or considered similar requests involving nontraditional training pathways or alternative program structures. This request aligns with recent trends in workforce development and modern police training.

6. Do you know of any person or entity that would be adversely affected if the POST Board granted this variance request?

No. Granting this variance would not adversely affect any person or entity. Rather, it would benefit the broader community by enabling the successful implementation of the ICPOET program, which seeks to enhance recruitment, retention, and preparedness of future peace officers.



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Welcome Pascal Gidigah



Your evaluation report is complete.

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Reference Number:

Status: In progress

Description: We are currently reviewing your application.

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17-Mar-2025

Pascal GIDIGAH

Reference#:

World Education Services is pleased to provide you with the enclosed credential evaluation report (Reference No: Updated Evaluation Report (Original Completed on: 12/30/2024)

A WES evaluation report reflects our expertise in international education systems and our best judgment of your academic qualifications. WES evaluates formal academic qualifications (degrees, diplomas, certificates and transcripts) awarded by secondary and post-secondary institutions. WES does not evaluate trade, occupational or industrial qualifications therefore they are not included in our evaluation reports.

Your evaluation report is stored and available for future use.

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Please send your questions to customer services at wes.org/contact-us. All inquiries must be submitted in writing. To protect your privacy, WES staff cannot discuss evaluations over the telephone.

We thank you for choosing WES for your credential evaluation.

Sincerely, World Education Services

Your WES evaluation report has also been sent to the recipient(s) listed below. Copies of verified academic records used in the evaluation are also sent to academic institution recipients.

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Name: Date of Birth: GIDIGAH, Pascal October 02, 1989 Date: March 17, 2025 Ref#:

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U.S. EQUIVALENCY SUMMARY

Bachelor's and master's degree and earned doctorate from a regionally accredited institution

Second Evaluation Report (original completed on December 30, 2024)

CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

1. Name on Credential:

Credential Authentication:

Country or Territory:

Credential:

Year:

Awarded By:

Status:

Institution Attended: Admission Requirements:

Length of Program:

U.S. Equivalency:

Major:

GIDIGAH, Pascal

Documents were verified by the institution

Ghana

Higher National Diploma

2012

National Board for Professional and Technician Examinations (NABPTEX)

Accredited Institution

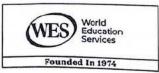
Takoradi Technical University

Senior Secondary School Certificate

Three years

Statistics

Three years of undergraduate study





GIDIGAH, Pascal

Date of Birth:

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Institution Attended:

Admission Requirements:

Length of Program:

Major:

Accredited Institution Garden City University College

Documents were verified by the institution

Senior Secondary School Certificate

Four years

Ghana

2016

Economics and Statistics

U.S. Equivalency:

Bachelor's degree

GIDIGAH, Pascal

Bachelor of Science

Remarks:

Exempted from part of the program on the basis of prior achievements.

Name on Credential: 3.

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GIDIGAH, Pascal

Documents were verified by the institution

Ghana

Master of Science

2018

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

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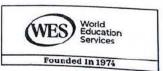
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One year

Applied Statistics

U.S. Equivalency:

Master's degree





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GIDIGAH, Pascal

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GIDIGAH, Pascal

Documents were sent directly by the institution

Doctor of Philosophy

2024

University of Mines and Technology

Accredited Institution Master's Degree Three years **Mathematics**

Earned doctorate





COURSE-BY-COURSE ANALYSIS

GIDIGAH, Pascal

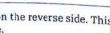
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INSTITUTIONS - DATES - SUBJECTS	U.S. Semester Credits	U.S. Grades
Takoradi Technical University		
2009-2010	2.5	Α
(L) Elements of Mathematics I	2.5	В
(L) Statistical Methods I	2.5	B+
(L) Probability	2.5	В
(L) Economic Theory	2.5	В
(L) Computer Literacy I	2.5	C
(L) Communication Skills I	2.5	B+
(L) Elements of Mathematics II	2.5	B+
(L) Statistical Methods II	2.5	B+
(L) Probability II	2.5	В
(L) Applied Economics	2.5	В
(L) Computer Literacy II	2.5	В
(L) Communication Skills II	2.5	B+
(L) African Studies	2.5	C
(L) Industrial Attachment	2.5	O.
2010-2011	2.5	B+
(L) Calculus and Matric Algebra I	2.5	A
(L) Probability III	2.5	B+
(L) Sample Survey I	2.5	В
(L) Research Methodology	2.5	B+
	2.5	B+
(L) Statistical Computing (L) Demography I	2.5	В
L) Design And Analysis of Experiment	2.5	B+
(I.) Calculus and Matrix Aldebia I	2.5	B+
(L) Design And Analysis of Experiment II	2.5	B+
(L) Design And Analysis of Experiment (L) Sample Survey II	2.5	B+
(L) National Accounts	2.5	A
(L) Statistical Computing II	2.5	Â
(L) Demography II	2.5	В
Industrial Attachment	2.5	_
2011-2012	2.5	В
(II) Official Statistics I	2.5	Ä
(U) Multivariate Data Analysis	2.0	
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(U) Statistical Quality Control	2.5	B+
(U) Statistical Report Writing	2.5	B+
(U) Entrepreneurship	2.5	С
(U) Financial Accounting	2.5	B+
(U) Statistical Organization and Operations	2.5	B+
(U) Statistics for Development and Economic Planning	2.5	B+
(U) Operations Research	2.5	B+
(U) Official Statistics II	2.5	C
(U) Financial Management	2.5	B+
Project Work	2.5	B+
Garden City University College		
2014-2015 (1) Time Scales Applied	3.0	Α
(U) Time Series Analysis	3.0	Ä
(U) Probability Distribution	3.0	В
(U) Managerial Economics	3.0	B+
(U) Introduction to Econometrics	3.0	A
(U) Introduction to Database Management Systems	3.0	Â
(U) Intermediate Economics I	3.0	Â
(U) Demography	3.0	Â
(U) Sampling Techniques and Survey Methods	3.0	B+
(U) Research Methods	3.0	B+
U) Monetary Economics		B B
U) Intermediate Economics II	3.0 3.0	A
(U) Economics and Social Statistics	3.0	Ä
(U) Design and Analysis of Experiments	3.0	ĉ
(U) Applied Econometrics	3.0	O
2015-2016 (U) Statistical Computing	3.0	B+
(U) Project Management	3.0	B+
(U) Introduction to Stochastic Processes	3.0	A
(U) Health Economics	3.0	A
(U) Advanced Economic Theory I	3.0	B+
Project Work	6.0	B+
(U) Labor Economics	3.0	A
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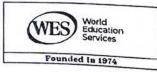
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(U) Internship, Seminar and Case Study	3.0	Α
(U) Inferential Statistics	3.0	Α
(U) Advanced Economic Theory II	3.0	В
(U) Actuarial Statistics	3.0	Α
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology		
2017-2018		
Time Series Models	3.0	A
Medical Statistics I	3.0	В
Demographic Methods and Data Analysis I	3.0	A
Sampling Theory and Survey Methods	3.0	B+
Statistical Inference	3.0	Α
Probability and Stochastic Models	3.0	B+
Applied Regression Analysis	3.0	В
Modern Statistical Methods	3.0	B+
Multivariate Data Analysis	3.0	В
Generalized Linear Models	3.0	Α
Longitudinal Data Analysis	3.0	Α
Medical Statistics II	3.0	Α
Advanced Operations Research	3.0	B+
Thesis	6.0	Pass
University of Mines and Technology		
2019-2024	0.0	B+
Research Methods	0.0	A A
Computer Programming	3.0 3.0	A
Stochastic Processes with Applications	T-75-7	
Postgraduate Seminar I	3.0	A D
Postgraduate Seminar II	3.0	B+
Dissertation	30.0	B+

SUMMARY

Total Graduate Semester Credits: Total Undergraduate Semester Credits:

87.0 GPA: 3.52 178.0 GPA: 3.37





This is to certify that



Gidigah, Pascal

> Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics



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Vice Chancellor

Registered Number



This is to certify that

Pascal Gidigah

Having pursued a prescribed course of study at GARDEN CITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, KUMASI

and having passed the requisite examinations this 1st June 2016 has been duly admitted by the University to the Degree of

> Backelor of Science (Economies and Statistics)

SECOND CLASS HONOURS (Upper Division)

Given under our hand

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28th September, 2023

GIDIGAH, Pascal

The above Candidate was admitted into this University in January 2015 to pursue a 2-year Post Diploma Degree Programme in Economics and Statistics and has since then taken the following examinations of this University:



Third Year Examination in 2014/2015 in the following subjects: FIRST SEMESTER

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Mark	Gr.	Cr.
73.00		0.00
73.00	A	3
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53.00	C	3
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Mark	Gr.	Cr
STA 344: SAMPLING TECHNIQUES & SURVEY METHODS	81.00	Δ1.	3
GEN 350: RESEARCH METHODS	61.00	В	3
ECN 350: MONETARY ECONOMICS	60.00	В	3
ECN 374: INTERMEDIATE ECONOMICS II	59.00	C	. 3
STA 310: ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL STATISTICS	76.00	· A	3
STA 358: DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF EXPERIMENTS	71.00	À	3
ECN 352: APPLIED ECONOMETRICS	46.00	D	3
	64.86		

Fourth (Final) Year Examination in 2015/2016 in the following subjects:

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Mark	<u>Gr.</u>	Cr.
STA 431: STATISTICAL COMPUTING	67.00	В	3
MGT 403: PROJECT MANAGEMENT	60.00	В	3
STA 407: INTRODUCTION TO STOCHASTIC PROCESSE.	S 80.00 .	Α	3
ECN 438: HEALTH ECONOMICS	76.00	Α	3
ECN 401: ADVANCED ECONOMIC THEORY I	62.00	В	3
Semester Weighted Average :	69.00		A

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	- 1				
		Mark	Gr.	Cr	
GEN 430: PROJECT WORK		64.00	В	6	
ECN 458: LABOUR ECONOMICS	*	76.00	Α	3	
MGT 432: INTERNSHIP/SERMINAR/CASE STUDY		73.00	А	3	
STA 408: INFERENTIAL STATISTICS		76.00	Α	3	
ECN 402: ADVANCED ECONOMIC THEORY II		51.00	Ċ	3	
STA 416: ACTUARIAL STATISTICS		80.00	A	3	
		69.14			

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CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED AVERAGE (CWA) : -

67.92

DEGREE AWARDED: BSc. SECOND CLASS HONOURS (UPPER DIVISION) IN ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

KEY :	PERCENTAGE RANGE	GRADE EQUIVALENT	CLASSES OF DEGREE
	70% and Above	Α	First Class
	60% - 69%	В .	Second Class (Upper Division)
	50% - 59%	c	Second Class (Lower Division)
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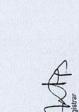
Tascal Gidigah

and having passed the requisite examinations this 1st November, 2018 has been duly admitted by the University to the Having pursued a prescribed course of study,

Master of Science (Applied Statistics)

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Student Registration No. PG1126517





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Our Ref: UMaT/PhD MA/PGPH623100819

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT PhD DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS

GIDIGAH, Pascal

COMMENCEMENT OF PROGRAMME: JUNE 2019 **END OF PROGRAMME: NOVEMBER 2024**

CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	MARKS (%)
MA 551	Research Methods	0	68.00
MA 577	Computer Programming	3	70.00
MA 576	Stochastic Processes with Applications	3	84.00
MA 650	Postgraduate Seminar I	3	73.20
MA 660	Postgraduate Seminar II	3	68.00
MA 600	Thesis	30	66.34

CUMULATIVE

- Pass

- Fail

CREDITS REGISTERED: 42 CREDITS EARNED: 42 AVERAGE MARK: 68.47

GRADING SYSTEM AWARDING SYSTEM 80 and above - A 55 and above Below 55 - B 70 - 79 60 - 69 - C 50 - 59 - D

THESIS TITLE: Modelling Efficiency of Rural - Community Bank's (RCB'S) in Ghana

AWARDED: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MATHEMATICS (PASS)

Checked by:

Below 50

DR ERIC T. BRANTSON EXAMINATIONS OFFICER, SPS

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Date: 7THJANUARY, 2015

Gidigah Pascal



Dear Sir/Madam

TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD - GIDIGAH PASCAL

I am requested by Gidigah Pascal, a former student of this Institution, to forward his Academic Transcript to your office for the purpose of employment.

Mr Gidigah pursued a three-year programme in Statistics at the Higher National Diploma level.

Please find enclosed his Academic Transcript.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

KENNETH BOATENG

SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (ACA)

FOR: REGISTRAR

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Date 7⁽¹⁾ JANUARY, 2015.

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NAME: GIDIGAII PASCAL (07092272)

PERIOD OF STUDY: AUGUST 2000 - JULY 2012

PROGRAMME: HND STATISTICS

2009/2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

1st Semester		2 nd Semester	
Course Code Course Title	Grade	Course Code Course Title	Grade
STA 111 ELEMENTS OF MATHEMATICS I	Λ+	STA 120 ELEMENTS OF MATHEMATICS II	В
STA 113 STATISTICAL METHODS I	С	STA 122 STATISTICAL METHODS II	B.+
STA 115 PROBABILITY I	В	STA 124 PROBABILITY II	B+
STA 117 ECONOMIC THEORY	C+	STA 126 APPLIED ECONOMICS	С
CLO 114 COMPUTER LITERACY I	С	CLO123 COMPUTER LITERACY II	C
CSM110 COMMUNICATION SKILLS I	D+	CSM111COMMUNICATION SKILLS II	C+
		AFS 100 AFRICAN STUDIES	В
		STA 232 INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT	D+

GPA: 3.18

GPA: 2.76

CUM GPA: 2.84

2010/2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

3 ^{nt} Semester		4th Semester	7,10
Course Code Course Title	Grade	Course Code Course Title	Grade
STA 210 CALCULUS & MATRIX ALGEBRA I	В	STA 220 CALCULUS & MATRIX ALGEBRA II	В
STA 211 PROBABILITY III	A	STA 222 DESIGN & ANALYSIS OF EXPERIMENT II	В
STA 213 SAMPLE SURVEY I	B+	200 CO	
STA 215 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	С	STA 224 SAMPLE SURVEY II	В
STA 217 STATISTICAL COMPUTING I	B+	STA 226 NATIONAL ACCOUNTS	B+
STA 219 DEMOGRAPHY I	B+	STA 228 STATISTICAL COMPUTING II	A
STA 221 DESIGN & ANALYSIS OF	С	STA 230 DEMOGRAPHY II	À
EXPERIMENT	Lanca de la constante de la co	STA 232 INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT	C

GPA 3.57

GPA: 3.78

CUM GPA: 3.28

CUM GPA: 3.53

Course Code Course Title	172013	ACADEMIC YEAR	
STA 310 OFFICIAL STATISM	Grade	b" Semesting	
MULTIVARIATE D.	C.	Course Code Course Tule	
AL CHES	A	STA 320 STATISTICAL ORGANISATION A OPERATION	Grade
CAL REDUIN	13	STA 122 STATISTICS	13
TREPRENEUROUS	- 13	ECONOMIC PLANNING	
TA 319 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	D	STA 324 OPERATIONS RESEARCH	В
SCOUNTING	Bı	STA 328 OFFICIAL STATISTICS II	13 -
		STA 330 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	D+
JPA: 3.44		STA 332 PROJECT WORK	В
UM GPA: 3.40		GPA. 3.34	В

CUM GPA 3 39

SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (ACA) FOR: REGISTRAR

Addressee:

GIDIGAH PASCAL AGAVE RURAL BANK P. O. BOX 52 DABALA **VOLTA REGION**

AWARD SECOND CLASS UPPER DIVISION

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INTERPRETATION OF GRADES

RANGE OF MARKS (%)	GRADE
5 – 100	Λ+
- 84	A
- 79	B+
-74	В
- 69	C+
- 64	C
- 59	D+
- 54	D
49(Fail) -	F

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Issued on: 7th August 2023.

Tepa Hospital RoadTepa Hospital Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

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At the request of GIDIGAH, Pascal, I forward herewith transcript of his academic performance in this University for your attention, please.

Yours Faithfully,

CHARLES OWUSU-ANTWI SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR





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Name: GIDIGAH, Pascal

Programme of Study: MSC. APPLIED STATISTICS (IDL)

Student ID: Index Number: PG1126517

FIRST YEAR - FIRST SEMESTER 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Course Code	Course Name		Credits	Mark	Grade	
STAT 565	TIME SERIES MODELS		3	72	A	
STAT 563	MEDICAL STATISTICS I		3	57	С	
STAT 561	DEMOGRAPHIC METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS I		3	77	Α	
STAT 553	SAMPLING THEORY AND SURVEY METHODS		3	63	В	
STAT 551	STATISTICAL INFERENCE		3	80	Α	
STAT 555	PROBABILITY AND STOCHASTIC MODELS		3	68	В	
STAT 557	APPLIED REGRESSION ANALYSIS		3	57	C	
			Semester	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>21</u> 1,422.00		
		Credits Obtained:	21			
		Grade Points	1,422.00			
		Weighted Average:	67.71		67.71	

FIRST YEAR - SECOND SEMESTER 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Course Code	Course Name		Credits	Mark	Grade	
STAT 552	MODERN STATISTICAL METHODS		3	68	В	
STAT 554	MULTIVARIATE DATA ANALYSIS		3	51	C	
STAT 556	GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS		3	74	A	
STAT 558	LONGITUDINAL DATA ANALYSIS		3	75	Α	
STAT 564	MEDICAL STATISTICS II		3	70	A	
STAT 566	ADVANCE OPERATIONS RESEARCH		3	66	В	
			Semester	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>39</u> 2,634.00		
		Credits Obtained:	18			
		Grade Points	1,212.00			
		Weighted Average:	67.33	67	67.54	

THESIS TOPIC

"MULTIPLE LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL ON MICRO FINANCE LOAN DEFAULT (A CASE STUDY OF AGAVE RURAL BANK LIMITED)"

Pass

DEGREE AWARDED

MSC. APPLIED STATISTICS

(GRADUATION DATE: 1ST NOVEMBER 2018)

PROF. MICHAEL POKU-BOANSI DEPUTY DIRECTOR

GRADING SYSTEM

70-100% A 60-69% B 50-59% C

0-49%

CLASS DESIGNATION

55-100% 0-54.99% Pass Fail



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