Detecting Fraudulent Academic Credentials

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Five Most Common Types of Fraudulent Documents

- Forged or altered official documents that have been altered in some way (usually by omissions, additions, or changes).
- Fabricated (counterfeit) documents fabricated to represent official documents from real or non-existent institutions, including letterhead.

- Inside jobs these are special cases because the documents are actually produced by institutional employees, usually for a fee
- <u>Creative translations</u> "Translations" of foreign-language documents that are not just inaccurate but systematically misleading, tantamount to fabrication
- Degree or Diploma Mills The products of degree/diploma mills are not in themselves fabrications, but the academic study they purport to represent certainly is.

What is an authentic academic credential?

- An official transcript is one that has been received directly from the issuing institution.
- It must bear the college seal, date, and an appropriate signature.

CLUES or "Red Flags"

- An application is submitted at the last possible moment and there is little time left for a close inspection of documents
- Discrepancies/inconsistencies noted in the application for admission
- Evidence of corrected personal data (birth date, gender)
- Document is poorly copied and there is evidence of whiteout, burn-marks, erasures, corrections

- •Interrupted/obliterated lines where information is generally typed or printed
- •Missing pictures in diplomas or professional identification cards
- Partial seals on the surface of superimposed pictures not on the document surface
- The **type is inconsistent** throughout the document because subjects have been added or grades changed. In some cases, crude alterations have been made in longhand, or lines may have been typed in at a slight angle to the computer generated originals

- Irregular spacing between words or letters, or insufficient space for the text
- Questionable paper quality, texture, size (regular or legal), coloration
- Ink color and quality
- Inappropriate or outdated signatures
- Incorrect seals/emblems, colors, shapes
- A record stamped 'not to be released to student' or confidential' is submitted to you by a student

- Applicant has lost the original of his/her record
- Applicant claims to have <u>graduated</u> from an institution but can provide only a letter indicating <u>completion</u> of program
- Although the applicant had taken external examinations, the certificates have been lost and all he/she has left is a statement of attendance or graduation from the school
- You know the educational system to be different from US system, yet the transcript gives subjects, grades and credit hours in US terms
- Grade certificates prepared in a language other than the official language of the country where the document originated. Note that many countries are currently issuing official transcripts in English.

- Names may have been substituted
- Grades listed may be absurdly high, or the number of course hours claimed to have been carried per semester an improbable load
- Numerical aberrations: credits do not add up and the overall grade point averages are a mathematical impossibility
- Use of unprofessional language, poor grammar, misspellings
- The application is unusually late, making verification difficult, or is accompanied by a long letter from an impressive office—usually located in the U.S.— which may be attempting to lend an aura of officialdom to otherwise unacceptable documents

Rule #1

DO NOT BE RUSHED INTO ACCEPTING A CREDENTIAL ABOUT WHICHYOU HAVE RESERVATIONS

RULE # 2

FOR EVERY COPY OF A DOCUMENT THERE HAS TO BE AN ORIGINAL

METHODOLOGY FOR REVIEWING ACADEMIC RECORDS

- Every photocopy must have an original.
- Know the educational system you are working with
- Compare biographical data on all documents.
- Compare the self-reported educational data with documents received
- Does the institution exist and did it exist at the time of the award?

- Find out if the duration (three to four years, etc) or structure (annual, semester, etc) of the program has changed.
- Check for consistency in type face
- Check the date of birth against date of graduation to ascertain that the student was old enough to have graduated.
- Verify whether the institution offers the degree program that is reflected on the records.
- **Check the envelope**. Does it have a stamp or seal of the university? A return address? Was it mailed from the country of issuance?

- ❖ Request originals and, at the same time, send copies of what was submitted to you to the institution which issued the credentials requesting that they verify its authenticity. Inquiries should be addressed to the office of the person that signed the credential in question and not to any particular individual.
- Even though a student is transferring from another U.S. school, always request to see his foreign credentials. Do not rely on someone else's verification of authenticity.

If accepting documents from countries not diplomatically related to the U.S., such as Cuba, have the applicant sign a form declaring that the information contained in the papers is true and ask that the signature be notarized. This is more of a deterrent than you think.

*Be cautious of applications submitted just before deadlines, making verification almost impossible.

As the saying goes, "Someone else's lack of planning does not constitute your emergency."

TRANSLATIONS

- All translations must be accompanied by the document in the original language
- The name of the institution and of the diploma must be in the original language
- Require a LITERAL word-for word and not an interpretive one

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Dear Madam

Re:

Thank you for your letter of 2nd June, 1987, seeking our verification of the authenticity of a transcript submitted to your University by one

Our records show that Mr . was not admitted to this University. The Transcript which he sent to you did not originate from this University and bears no resemblance whatsoever to the University of Calabar transcript.

Yours sincerely

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English Language I 2 B	English Language II 2 A Management I 3 B Accounting Principles I 3 B
International Marketing 3 B Ethics 2 B	Management I 3 B Accounting Principles I 3 B
Basic Natural Science 2 C	Basic Cultural Science I 2 C
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Micro Economics 1 3 B	Developmental Administrat, 3 B
Indonesian Economy/Cooperatives 3 B	
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Birth Date : October 24, 1968

Dear sir,

We have received your letter about Ni Luh Made Dewi Purnamaningsih, dated March 31, 1993.

This is to inform you that the transcript which you have sent to us was $\underline{\mathsf{FALSE}}$.

The original GPA/Final Achievement Index was 2.33, so by doing this she committed $\underline{\text{FALSIFICATION}}$.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Official Transcript

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F = 0 (failure: not accepted as degree credit hour)

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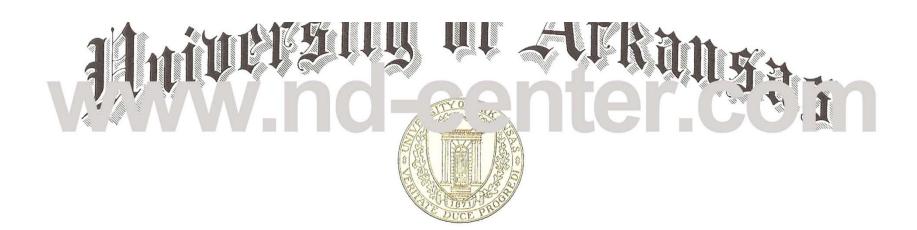
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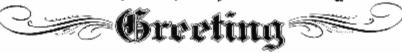
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Be it known that

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Bachelor of Arts

and is declared entitled to all rights and privileges which pertain to that degree here or elsewhere. In testimony whereof and as evidence that all requirements for the degree have been fulfilled, this diploma is granted.

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Features of Fake Universities

- The institution either claims to be accredited by an unrecognized organization or plays down the significance of accreditation.
- The name of the institution is remarkably similar to that of a genuine university.
- The institution often changes address.
- The name of the institution is invented or misleading.

- •The institution lacks a physical address and can only be contacted by email or fax.
- •Enrollment requirements are minimal.
- •The institution emphasizes on its website that it is not a fake university.
- •Information about fees refers to degree certificates and not tuition fees.

- Degrees are based purely on vocational experience.
- •Degree requirements are minimal and degrees are awarded within a brief period.
- •Illustrations of the degree certificates are published on the institution's website.
- •The logos of recognized credit card companies are shown on the institutions website.
- Degree documents can be pre-dated.

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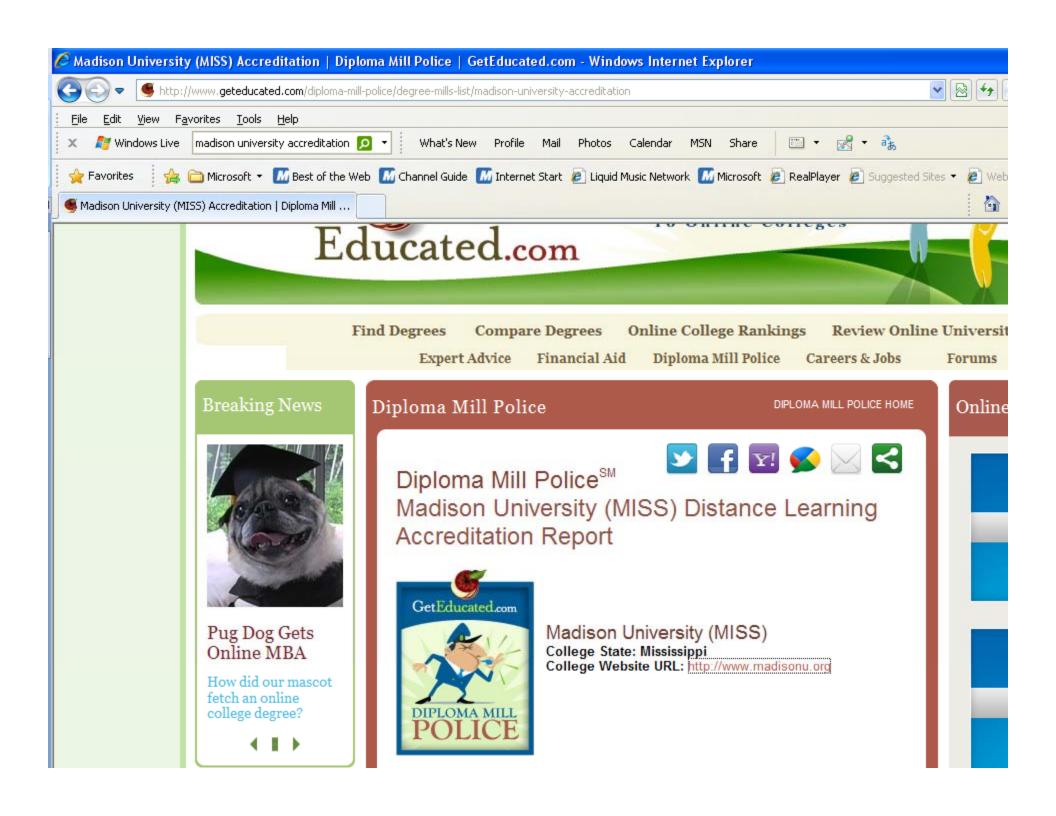
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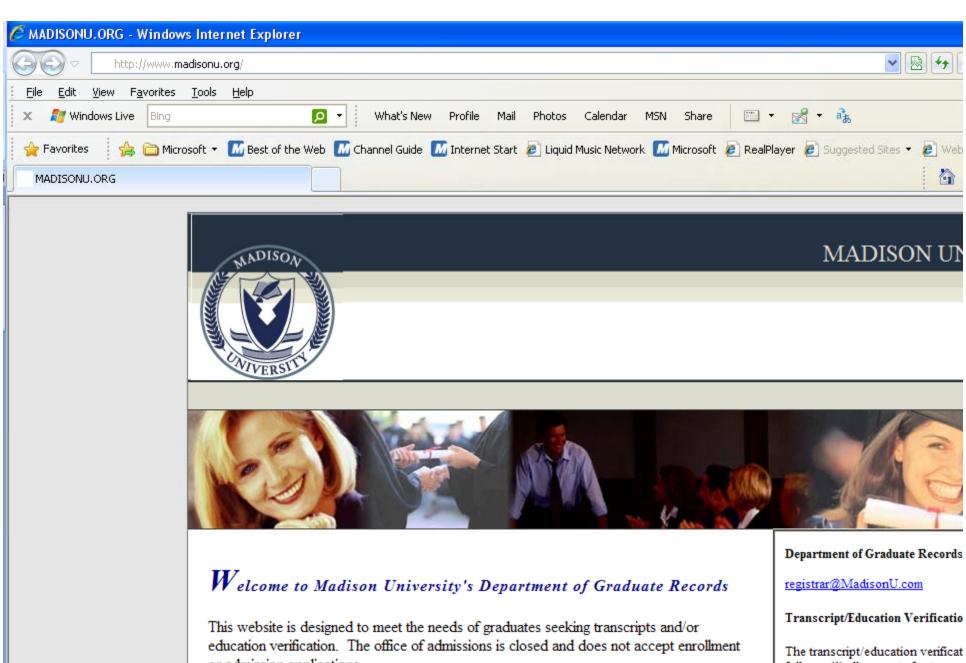


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Degree Mills

- A billion dollar industry that has sold over a million fake degrees
- It is as easy to buy a PhD or MD as it is to buy a candy bar <u>www.nd-center.com/</u>
- 200,000 academic degrees are sold by illegal degree providers in the U.S. each year

•The U.S. bears the dubious honor of being the diploma mill fraud capital of the world. WHY?

In part, because it is a federal system where states have primary jurisdiction over education.

Fraud flows to the states with the weakest regulatory structures or enforcement efforts.

Internationally, the countries/regions that are most problematic are

Africa – west and central

Pakistan

United Arab Emirates

Caribbean

BENEFITS OF LEGITIMATE ACCREDITATION

- Assures QUALITY of an institution
- Assists in the IMPROVEMENT of institutional programs
- Makes degrees "portable"

What is an Accreditation Mill?

Per Alan Ezell, *The Minefield of Accreditation/Deception by Design*, wRAP Up, December 2010:

 An organization not recognized by the U.S.
 Department of Education or by the Council for Higher Education (CHEA) which grants "accreditation" without requiring the purported college or university to meet generally accepted standards for such "accreditation." It either receives fees from its so-called "accredited" institution on the basis of fraudulent misrepresentations

or

makes it possible for the purported college or university receiving such accreditation" (or its graduates) to perpetuate a fraud on the public.

Accreditation Mill Oddities

- Offers "fast" accreditation
- Offers permanent or "lifetime" accreditation
- Has few, if any, standards published for its accreditation
- Has no rigid standards relating to academics or staff
- No procedures in place to measure level of compliance or enforcement procedures

- Sometimes accredits schools without their knowledge
- Does not perform on-site inspections prior to granting "accreditation
- Only communicates by mail and telephone
- Sells its "accreditation" for a flat up-front fee

- Sometimes uses addresses in Washington, D.C. to imply a government affiliation or national image
- May use a name similar to legitimate entity, i.e., DETC (Distance Education & Training Council) vs IDETC
- •Frequently makes false statements regarding its address, ownership, staff, length of time in business, etc

Role Played by Accreditation Mill

- Adds APPEARANCE OF LEGITIMACY to degree mill
- SUPPORTS THE CREDIBILITY of the school
- VERIFIES "ACCREDITATION" to potential students and other end users

HARM DONE BY ACCREDITATION MILLS

- CONFUSES students and those who rely on this "accreditation"
- DEVALUES legitimate accredited schools
- DEVALUES legitimate accreditation
- DEFRAUDS students and end users

NOTIFYING THE APPLICANT OF VERIFIED FRAUD

- Never make any interpretive assumption.
 Hold strictly to the facts.
- If fraud is proven:
 - Notify the applicant using the same language you received in the reply
 - State the sanctions taken, if any

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN COMBATTING ACADEMIC FRAUD

- More states in the U.S. are passing statutes that will facilitate prosecution of fraudulent credential sellers and users. ACT 205 Arkansas, 2011
- Many regions of the world with poor record keeping of enrollment documents have improved their efforts, resulting in databases that can be used by admissions officers to ensure the validity of submitted documents – China and India for example.

- UNESCO is creating a website called the UNESCO Portal on Higher Education which will contain information that countries provide about their higher education capacity and a list of legitimate institutions
- Some countries, including the U.S. and Australia, are increasing enforcement efforts.

International Educator, Jan-Feb 2011, NAFSA publication

VERIFICATION of Academic Institutions

International:

- http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/index.html
- http://education.nic.in/collegedir/collegedir.asp
- List of recognized universities from the United Kingdom: http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/higher-education/recognised-uk-degrees
- List of Ministries of Education by country: Researching International Education Systems and Institutions. Peggy Bell Hendrickson, M.A., Transcript Research Inc. 2008 http://www.nafsa.org/uploadedFiles/NAFSA_Home/Resource_Library_Assets/ACE/researching_internationalization.
 pdf?n=3838
- U.S. Department of State EducationUSA advisors http://www.educationusa.state.gov/

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- 2011 Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education. American council on Education. Member price \$85.49 Non-member price \$94.99 http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Programs_and_Services&ContentID=41344
 - ACE Publishing at <u>pubs@acenet.edu</u> or (202)939-9452 American Council on Education website:
- American Council on Education website: http://www2.acenet.edu/resources/memberdirectory/
- Council for Higher Education Accreditation: Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized United States Accrediting Organizations: http://www.chea.org/search/
- Department of Education website: <u>http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-org-us.html</u>
- Accreditation in the U.S.: <u>http://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg6.html#NationallyRecognized</u>

FOREIGN CREDENTIAL EVALUATION RESOURCES

- A comprehensive overview of publications available for international credential evaluation by country that is available on-line: Researching International Education Systems and Institutions. Peggy Bell Hendrickson, M.A., Transcript Research Inc. 2008
- http://www.nafsa.org/uploadedFiles/NAFSA_Home/R esource_Library_Assets/ACE/researching_internation alization.pdf?n=3838
- On-line Guide to Educational Systems Around the World
 - http://www.nafsa.org/publication.sec/epublications/o
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FOREIGN CREDENTIAL EVALUATION SERVICES

- A Guide to Selecting a Foreign Credentials Evaluation Service. NAFSA Resource Library.
 www.nafsa.org/resourcelibrary/default.aspx?id=8817
- National Association of Credential Evaluation Services <u>www.naces.org</u>
- Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. www.aice-eval.org/
- For employers: http://www.wes.org/employers/index.asp

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