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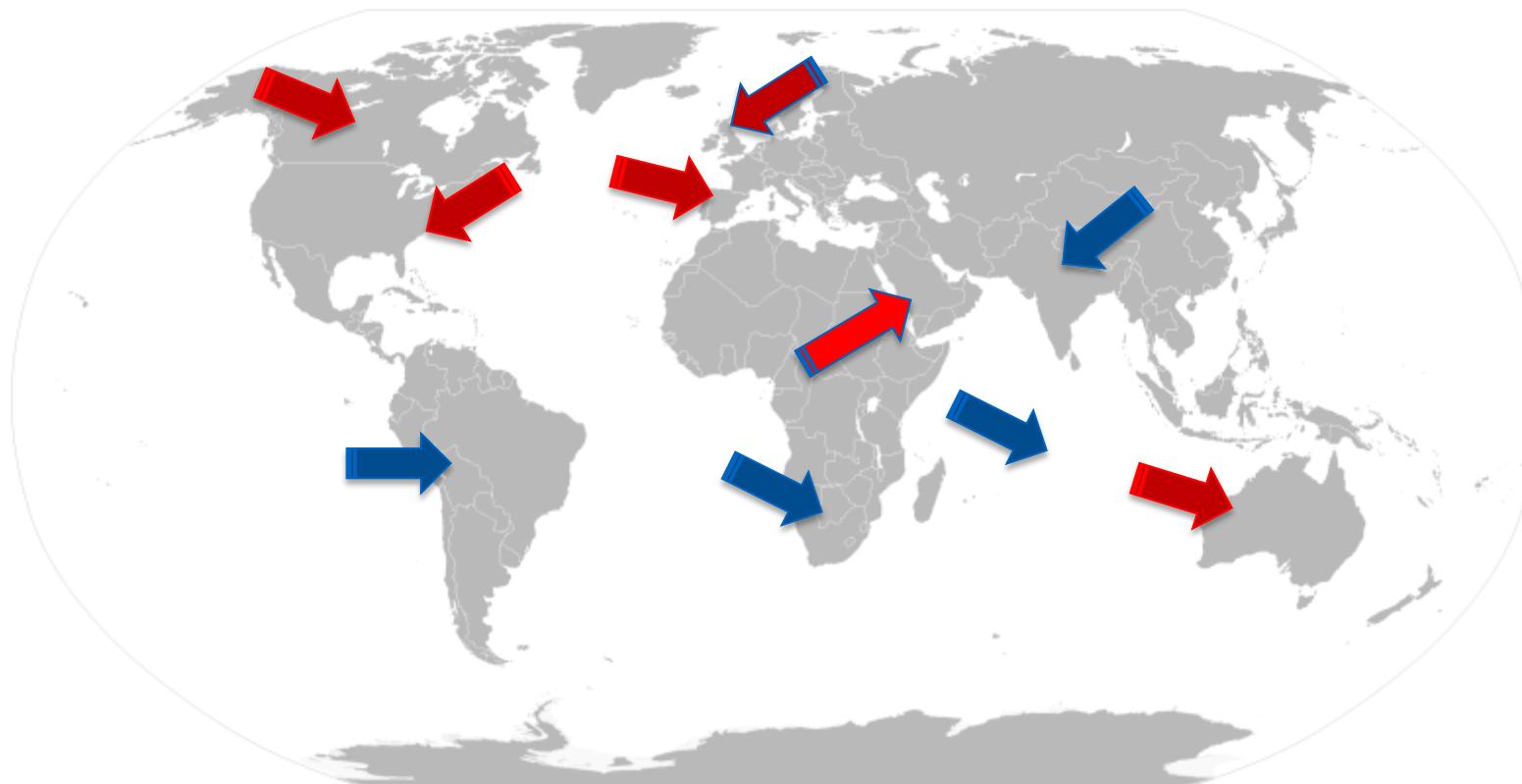
Applications and admission to universities worldwide with Cambridge International qualifications

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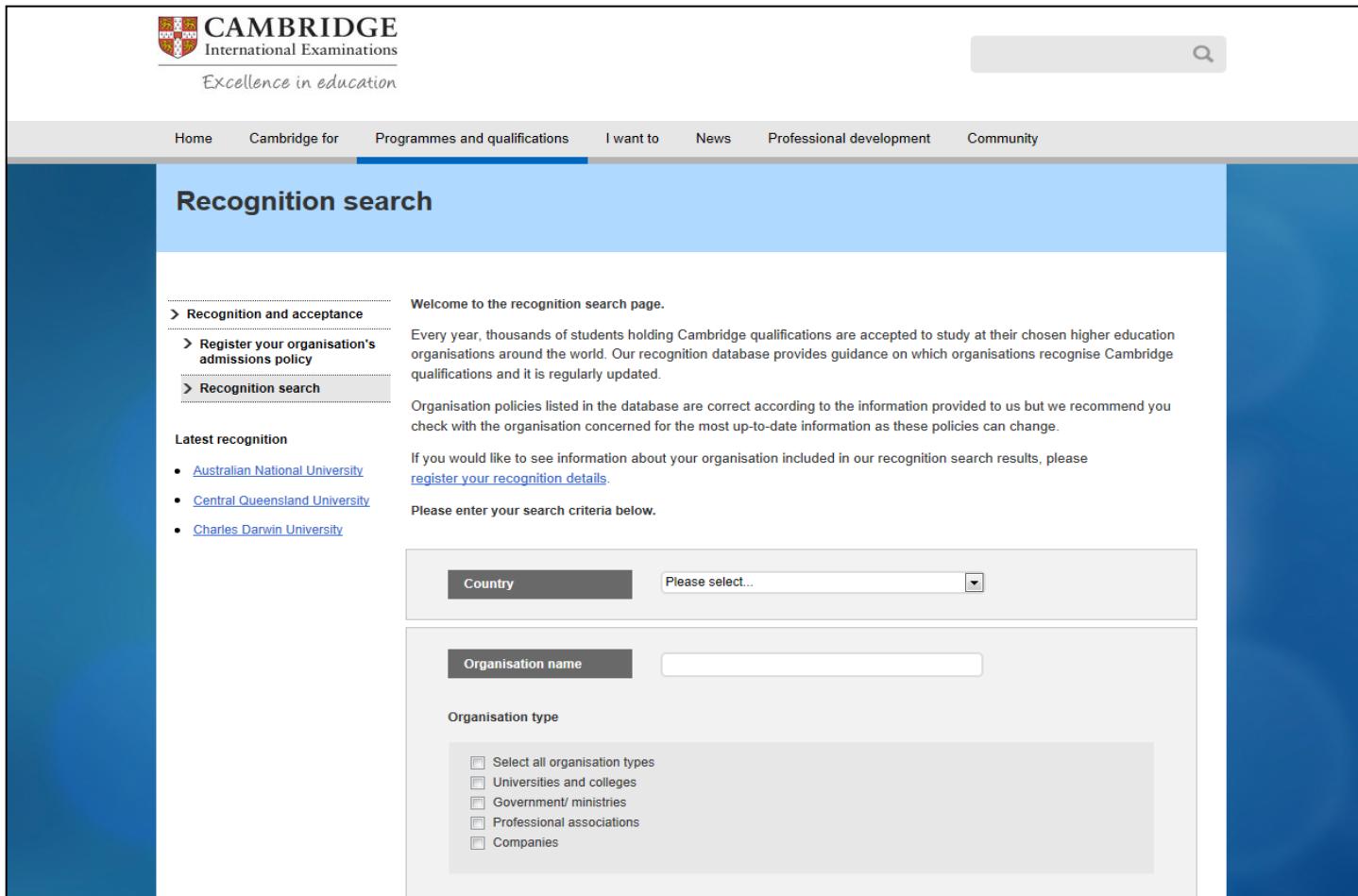
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Global Recognition

- ▶ Widespread recognition for A/AS Levels and IGCSE



Recognitions Database Search



The screenshot shows the 'Recognition search' page of the Cambridge International Examinations website. The header features the Cambridge logo and the text 'Excellence in education'. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Cambridge for, Programmes and qualifications (which is highlighted in blue), I want to, News, Professional development, and Community. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

Recognition search

Welcome to the recognition search page.

Every year, thousands of students holding Cambridge qualifications are accepted to study at their chosen higher education organisations around the world. Our recognition database provides guidance on which organisations recognise Cambridge qualifications and it is regularly updated.

Organisation policies listed in the database are correct according to the information provided to us but we recommend you check with the organisation concerned for the most up-to-date information as these policies can change.

If you would like to see information about your organisation included in our recognition search results, please [register your recognition details](#).

Please enter your search criteria below.

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Your results are displayed below. Where recognition data has been provided by organisations, it can be sorted by organisation name, type or location. To do this, click the corresponding list header. The results displayed represent only written statements or recognition received but these qualifications are also accepted by many other organisations which have not provided us with a statement.

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You searched on:

Organisation Type: All

Organisation Name:

Country: United States

State: All

Qualification Group: Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE Diploma

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DESTINATION: UK



UK University Admissions Requirements

- ▶ Cambridge International AS and A Levels qualifications are recognised by universities in the UK
- ▶ Competitive courses require 3 good A Levels
- ▶ For 2016 entry, universities will often expect 4 AS Levels, with 3 taken on to full A Level
- ▶ From 2017 onwards, universities will accept 3 A levels – may no longer require AS Levels
- ▶ IGCSE/O Level accepted as direct equivalent of UK GCSE, especially in English and Maths
- ▶ Some universities require an additional English language test to meet visa requirements

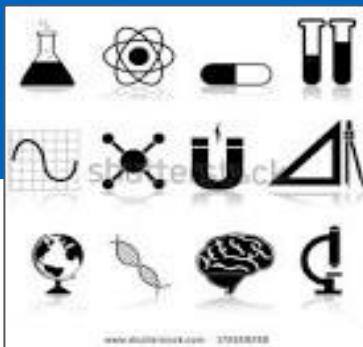


Selective universities

- ▶ Oxford and Cambridge are the most selective
- ▶ The Russell Group universities are generally research-based and selective
- ▶ Recruiting universities/courses have more places than applications – but there are fewer places every year



Subject Selection

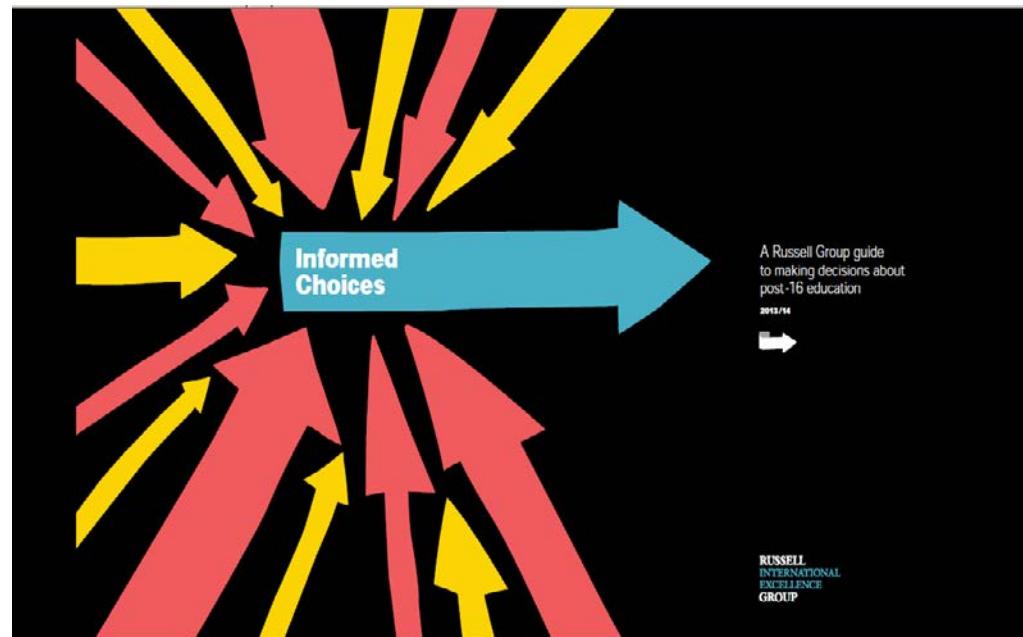


- ▶ Exact entry requirements will vary by programme
- ▶ Some courses will specify certain compulsory subjects or grades, or state preferred subjects
- ▶ Students should research into suitable subject choices **early**
- ▶ Facilitating subjects include: Maths and further maths; Physics; Biology; Chemistry; History; Geography; Modern and classical languages; English Literature
- ▶ Medicine – highest entry requirements
 - ▶ Range from A*AA to AAA
 - ▶ Chemistry often required + either another A Level in science or mathematics

Subject Selection & Informed Choices

- ▶ Russell Group ‘Informed Choices’ guide for information on subject combinations:

<http://russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf>



UK Admissions Systems

- ▶ Centralised system - **UCAS** (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)
- ▶ Applications generally open 1 September – 15 January annually
- ▶ Oxbridge, courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine / science have earlier deadline of **October 15**
- ▶ Students can apply to Oxford **OR** Cambridge but **not both**



- ▶ For international students, applications will be accepted after January; however, it can be advantageous to apply earlier (visas & accommodation)
- ▶ <http://www.ucas.com/students/wheretostart/nonukstudents/>
- ▶ Step-by-step guides in other languages and specific tips for international students are also available on the UCAS website.

Conditional offers

- ▶ Offers are made before students take their final examinations in May/June
- ▶ University makes an offer, for example, 3 A Levels with grades ABB
- ▶ Students can accept (or decline) an offer
- ▶ When replying to offers, a student makes a firm (i.e. first) choice and an insurance choice
- ▶ **Important:** insurance choice should be a course where the entry requirements are lower, not the same as firm choice but that the student would like to follow
- ▶ After results are issued, students can take up offers – but **must** accept firm choice if grades have been achieved.
- ▶ Those who do not meet offers, go through ‘*clearing*’, that is, look for available places at other universities

Dispel the myth about the UCAS tariff

- ▶ UCAS Tariff Points are used as the benchmark for fair and objective comparison with A Levels
- ▶ **Most UK universities do not use UCAS Tariff Points when they frame their offers** – they use grades and qualifications, e.g. ABB in A Levels
- ▶ The current UCAS Tariff only includes GCE accredited A levels; international A levels are therefore not included.
- ▶ The new UCAS tariff currently only allocates tariff points to regulated qualifications meaning that International A Levels will continue not to attract Tariff points.
- ▶ **Admissions teams use International A levels and GCE A levels interchangeably** and do not draw distinctions between the two in their entry requirements.
- ▶ **Students applying with Cambridge International A Levels will not be disadvantaged in any way.**

International Applications at Imperial

- ▶ 70.8% of students are home or EU and 29.2% are international
- ▶ Online UCAS application
 - ▶ Predicted grades
 - ▶ Qualifications already taken, e.g. IGCSEs/O-Levels
 - ▶ Personal statement
 - ▶ Reference
 - ▶ BMAT (Medicine & Biomedicine), MAT (Mathematics)
 - ▶ English Language, e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, CPE, IGCSE/O Level First Language English* (English as a Second language not accepted)
- ▶ 15th January deadline (15th October for Medicine)
- ▶ International students assessed equally to Home/EU students
(NB restricted Medicine places)



Imperial Entry Requirements

- ▶ A Levels range from AAAb to A*A*A
- ▶ Subjects normally specified
 - e.g. Biomedical Engineering: A* in A Level Mathematics, A in Physics, and A in one other A Level subject, preferably Further Mathematics, Chemistry or Biology
- ▶ A Levels most widely accepted qualification and specialised knowledge essential for Imperial courses



UK Medical Schools – entry requirements



- ▶ AAA (including both Biology and Chemistry) and a further AS Level at minimum grade B.
- ▶ If only one of Chemistry or Biology is offered at A Level, the other must be an AS-level at grade A or above.
- ▶ GCSE at grade B or above in both English Language and Mathematics if not offered at A/AS level.
- ▶ UKCAT admissions test by Oct 15th (registration period 1 May to 22 Sept 2015)
- ▶ A*AA
- ▶ Biology and Chemistry required, with A* in one of these subjects.
- ▶ IGCSE, O-level at grade B or above in both English Language and Mathematics
- ▶ Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT) (registration by 1st October)

International Business (includes modules in a language other than English)

- ▶ Typical offer: A Level AAA
- ▶ A level in the language to be studied, i.e. French, German or Spanish, or at least CEFR B2 in all four language skills
- ▶ Preferred: A range of A Levels including Mathematics or a natural science, and a humanities or social science subject. However, all applications considered on an individual basis
- ▶ Offers normally exclude General Studies and Critical Thinking at A or AS level
- ▶ Normally at least seven GCSE passes (or equivalent) grades A* or B including A in Mathematics and B in English

English and History Entry Requirements

UCAS Tariff Points: 300 points required

(Minimum 200 points from 2 A Levels or equivalent, excluding General Studies)

IGCSE English Grade C



Online tariff calculator

UCAS points calculator

It can sometimes be confusing figuring out exactly how many UCAS points you have, so we've put together a handy little calculator for you.

| Qualification | Grade |
|---------------|-------|
| A-level | B |

| Qualification | Grade |
|---------------|-------|
| A-level | C |

| Qualification | Grade |
|---------------|-------|
| A-level | C |

| Qualification | Grade |
|---------------|-------|
| AS-level | C |

Add another qualification

OR

Calculate my points

Statements of Acceptance for Cambridge International AS and A Levels



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University of Oxford welcomes students with Cambridge International A Levels. Oxford has for many years accepted the Cambridge International A Level as a suitable qualification to meet the conditions for entry to the collegiate University. The qualifications provide students with suitable subject knowledge, although the competitive nature of applications means that success in A Levels alone does not automatically result in an offer.

Newcastle University welcomes applications from candidates with Cambridge International qualifications. Our experience is that Cambridge Advanced qualifications such as Cambridge International AS and A Levels are consistently robust and reliable, and prepare students very well for higher education.



Newcastle
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“Cambridge International A Levels are an excellent technical qualification. They provide really good core knowledge and help to build aptitude and they provide a really good bedrock for the move – the transition to university in the first year of study.”

Richard Partington, Senior Tutor, Churchill College, University of Cambridge



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“We think that Cambridge International qualifications are a really good preparation for university study. They allow students to specialise in particular subjects and to develop lots of other skills which are really useful for university study – things like communication skills, research skills and problem-solving skills”



Roseanna Cross, Head of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Bristol

“We accept the Cambridge international qualifications as directly equivalent to their UK counterparts. We think they are very robust and trusted qualifications. Students come to us with in-depth knowledge and general skills such as independent learning, problem-solving and critical thinking that they will need to get them through their degree programme.”

Jo Labudek, Head of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Birmingham



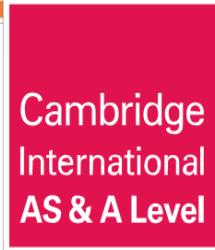
Cambridge International **AS & A Level**

Cambridge International qualifications and UCAS applications



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Cambridge O Level



Cambridge applications – points to consider



- ▶ **Each university has its own way of assessing an application**
- ▶ We strongly advise **students to check the guidance given by institutions very carefully before applying**

- ▶ University websites give **minimum entry requirements.**

The *minimum* is just that - higher grades are often asked for

- ▶ For popular courses, additional academic or non-academic achievements are often considered

Cambridge applications – points to consider

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- ▶ **Specific subjects** for certain courses may be required
e.g. maths for Economics at Warwick
- ▶ **Unacceptable combinations** e.g. Economics and Business Studies
- ▶ **Some subjects are not always accepted as 1 of the 3 A Levels** e.g. Thinking Skills
- ▶ Students **need to find out as early as possible whether they are considered a home or an international student.** This is because some courses might not be available to international students or there might be significant restrictions.

Cambridge IGCSE and meeting English language requirements

- ▶ **Our advice: students should take all 4 skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening)** - will be beneficial for their university studies
- ▶ **For Cambridge students, this means taking one of the below:**
 - ❖ **IGCSE First Language English syllabus 0500 & including** the optional Listening and Speaking Component
 - ❖ **IGCSE English as a 2nd language syllabus 0510 or 0511:** the speaking test is compulsory
- ▶ Grade for speaking and listening (**0500**) and for speaking (**0510**) is recorded separately on a student's final IGCSE Certificate. This makes it clear to universities that the student has taken all 4 skills
- ▶ Students who require Tier 4 visas **should include** all 4 language skills
- ▶ **EU** students do not require visas but wise to **check** whether **all 4 language skills** are required with their chosen institutions

Students requiring Tier 4 visas to study in the UK



[Apply for a UK visa](#)
[Check if you need a UK visa](#)
[Immigration Rules](#)
[Study Visas](#)
[General Visitor rules](#)

- ▶ UK universities can choose their own method of assessing a student's English language competence as long as the student is applying to follow a **full-time course at undergraduate degree level** or above

- ▶ Universities wish to know whether Tier 4 applicants have taken all four components of language skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening)

- ▶ A significant number of UK universities accept Cambridge IGCSE English language qualifications as proof of competence – check our recognitions database to see which institutions accept our IGCSEs - not an exhaustive list

- ▶ Students can apply to us for a ***Certifying Statement for CEFR*** if proof of proficiency according to the CEFR is required; application form is on our Cambridge IGCSE recognition webpage

Mapping of our IGCSEs to the CEFR



CEFR LEVELS for our IGCSE English Language qualifications:

- **First Language English**
Syllabuses 0500 and 0522
- **English as a Second Language,**
Syllabuses 0510 and 0511

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CEFR Levels for Cambridge IGCSE First Language English Syllabuses 0500 and 0522

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

| Type of Language user | CEFR Level |
|-----------------------|--|
| Proficient User | C2 – Mastery C1 – Effective operational proficiency |
| Independent User | B2 – Threshold B1 – Waystage |
| Basic User | A2 – Waystage A1 – Breakthrough |

CEFR levels of IGCSE E1L by skill
Syllabus 0522 (Speaking and Listening compulsory)

| Component level | Reading | Writing | Listening* | Speaking |
|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| Grade A | C2 | C1 | B2 | C1 |
| Grade B | C1 | C1 | B2 | C1 |
| Grade C | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 |
| Grade D | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 |
| Grade E | B2 | B2 | B2 | B1 |
| Grade F | B1 | B1 | B2 | B1 |
| Grade G | B1 | B1 | B1 | A2 |

Syllabus 0500 (Speaking and Listening separately endorsed)

| Component level | Reading | Writing | Component level | Listening* | Speaking |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grade A | C2 | C1 | Grade 1 | B2 | C1 |
| Grade B | C1 | C1 | Grade 2 | B2 | B2 |
| Grade C | B2 | B2 | Grade 3 | B2 | B1 |
| Grade D | B2 | B2 | Grade 4 | B1 | A2 |
| Grade E | B2 | B2 | Grade 5 | B1 or below | A2 or below |
| Grade F | B1 | B1 | | | |
| Grade G | B1 | B1 | | | |

* not awarded at component level

* Candidates may have a Listening level higher than CEFR B2. The integrated speaking and listening test is not designed to measure a range of listening skills.

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CEFR Levels for Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language Syllabuses 0510 and 0511

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CEFR levels of IGCSE E2L by skill

| Component Level | Reading | Writing | Listening | Speaking 0511 (count-in speaking) | Speaking 0510 (speaking endorsement) |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Grade A | B2 | B2 | B2 | C1 | Grade 1 C1 |
| Grade B | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 | Grade 2 B2 |
| Grade C | B2 | B2 | B1 | B2 | Grade 3 B1 |
| Grade D | B2 | B2 | B1 | B1 | Grade 4 A2 |
| Grade E | B1 | A2 | B1 | B1 | Grade 5 A2 |
| Grade F | A2 | A2 | A2 | A2 | |
| Grade G | A2 | A2 | A2 | A2 | |

* not awarded at component level

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A generic CEFR table showing:

- the CEFR levels for each of the IGCSE grades (**A-G**)
- for each of the four skills or components (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
- There is **no A*** at component level
- CEFR tables are available on our website at
<http://www.cie.org.uk/igcserecognition>

No CEFR levels for overall IGCSE grades (A*-G)

Certifying Statement for CEFR

- IGCSE final certificate does not include a breakdown of all four skills
- **Certifying Statement for CEFR** is an **additional document which:**
 - can be used as part of a student's university application
 - **provides evidence of proficiency in all 4 language skills (speaking, listening, writing and reading) according to the CEFR**
 - shows grade achieved (A-G) in each component & the corresponding CEFR level
- **No expiry date** - students can apply for this certificate as soon as receive final IGCSE certificate (i.e. during the first term/semester of their AS Level studies)

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|  <p>CAMBRIDGE International Examinations</p> | SPECIMEN | | | | |
| <p>CERTIFYING STATEMENT FOR CEFR IGCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE <small>"THIS DOCUMENT REPRESENTS AN OFFICIAL COPY OF RESULTS ISSUED"</small></p> | | | | | |
| <p>International General Certificate of Secondary Education</p> | | | | | |
| <p>June 2014</p> | | | | | |
| <p>A Specimen</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Date of Birth: 01/01/1999 of A Specimen Centre 00001/01</p> | | | | | |
| Syllabus Code | Certification Title | Overall Grade | | | |
| 0510 | English as a Second Language | A | | | |
| Component No. | Component Title | Component Grade | Skill | CEFR Level by skill | |
| 22 | Reading & Writing | A | Reading Writing | B2 B2 | |
| 42 | Listening | A | Listening | B2 | |
| 05 | Oral | TWO | Speaking | B2 | |
|  <p>Vice-Chancellor University of Cambridge</p> | | | | | |
| <small>Explanatory Notes are printed overleaf. Date of Issue: 15/01/2015</small> | | | | | |
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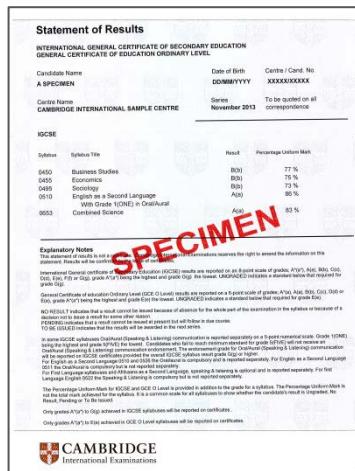
UCAS Application : One chance to make a first impression!

- ▶ Encourage students to be proactive – **thorough** research of courses
- ▶ Students must **check the entry requirements** for all chosen courses - will vary from university to university – **if in doubt, contact the university!**
- ▶ **Personal statements** are read carefully and taken into account in reaching a decision. Even though students can choose up to 5 courses on their UCAS application form, they can only submit **one personal statement**
- ▶ Students should check websites to see what guidance their chosen universities give regarding personal statements – especially for first choice universities
- ▶ Check the **finance**
- ▶ Our **Destination UK** brochure has lots of good tips and advice:

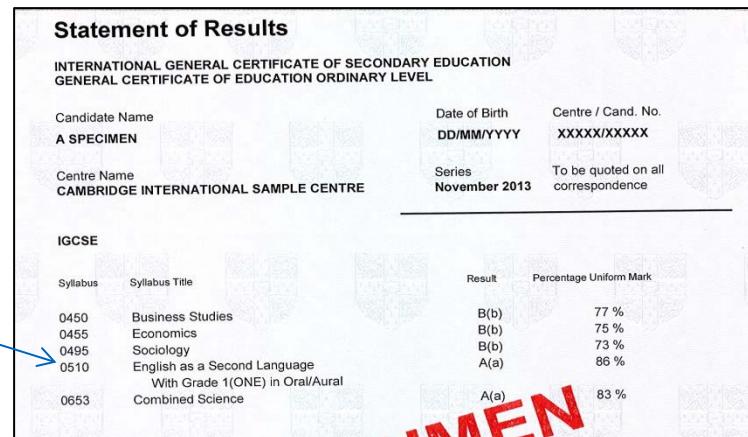
<http://www.cie.org.uk/images/178794-destination-uk.pdf>

UCAS application: Cambridge IGCSE English language qualifications

- ▶ Students with a Cambridge IGCSE English language qualification need to know which syllabus they took when completing their UCAS application.
- ▶ Instructions can be found here: <http://www.cie.org.uk/images/179016-instructions-for-students-applying-to-study-in-the-uk-through-ucas.pdf>
- ▶ **Syllabus codes can be found on Cambridge IGCSE Statements of Results**



syllabus code



- ▶ Alternatively, students can check grades on their final IGCSE certificate or check with their English teacher

Teacher's reference

- ▶ A teacher's reference **can make a real difference** to an application
- ▶ Usually given by a teacher at the student's **current** school since can give an **opinion** on student's **academic performance** during their Cambridge International A Level studies
- ▶ Describe how they compare/compared with other students in their class
- ▶ Give a brief description of the school – e.g. state/private, size, location
- ▶ **English language ability:**
 - ❖ If English not the student's first language, comment on student's ability in English and how well they are able to do so in an academic environment;
 - ❖ whether they studied through the medium of English **plus** number of years student has been educated full-time in the medium of the English language

Teacher's reference: What to include

Summary - comment on:

- the applicant's post-16 academic performance and their potential for success in higher education.
- their suitability for their chosen subject/course as well as on their attitude, motivation, commitment to their studies.
- their research and analytical skills, problem-solving skills, capacity for independent study and self-management, readiness to reflect critically and respond to review
- their achievements, work experience, and extracurricular activities that relate to their chosen course(s)
- any factors/personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance (*consent must be gained first to mention health or disabilities*).

Try to avoid repeating any of the information provided in the student's application (unless you want to comment on it). Avoid mentioning any particular university or college.



“The qualifications I took required consistent hard work throughout the two years. However, I soon realised the efforts had been well invested: not only did Cambridge International A Levels allow me to be accepted at LSE, they also provided me with excellent skills to deal with all the courses of my undergraduate program. This included both the essay-based and the mathematically-oriented subjects present in a hybrid science-arts undergraduate like that of Economics.....”

Pelayo Méndez, Spain

Pedro went on to study Economics at the ***London School of Economics and Political Science***, where he was awarded the Gonner Prize for his final year results.

Destination UK materials

- ▶ <http://www.cie.org.uk/recognition>
- ▶ www.cie.org.uk/universities-and-colleges



DESTINATION: USA



Type of Institutions

| Institution | Time | Degree |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Community or Junior College | 2 years | Associate degree |
| Technical or Vocational School | 2 years | Technical certificate |
| Specialized Academy | 2-4 years | Associate or Bachelor's degree |
| College | 4 years | Bachelor's degree |
| University | 4 years | Bachelor's degree |

USA University Admissions

- ▶ Over **500** universities officially recognise Cambridge qualifications for entry
- ▶ 5 Grade Cs in IGCSE/O Level meet **minimum** freshman level entry requirements for some colleges & universities (including Maths and English)

- ▶ A Levels are required for competitive universities such as Yale, MIT and Harvard
- ▶ Advanced credit is available for A Levels in most universities
- ▶ Advanced credit is available for AS Levels in some universities



US Admissions Systems

Application procedures vary:

- ▶ Common Application (<https://www.commonapp.com>), with A Levels specifically included from August 2013
- ▶ Supporting documentation and full high school transcript from school – extremely important



- ▶ Individual application forms or supplements to the Common Application for each university

Deadlines vary:

- ▶ Usually mid-December to mid-January; 1-15 November for early decisions

Things to consider

- ▶ Applications are made to the university, not a particular course; undergraduates do not specialise until Years 3 and 4 of their degrees, with some subjects only available at postgraduate level
- ▶ A Grade Point Average (GPA) is **not** always required but...
- ▶ Standardised tests (SATs or ACT) are often required
 - ▶ Students with AS/A Levels may be exempted from the SAT subject tests (SAT-II)
- ▶ IELTS or TOEFL may be required but a good grade in Cambridge IGCSE English (First or Second Language) is often accepted instead
- ▶ Scholarships are often available (but highly competitive)

Check the university's specific requirements

Calculating GPA

- ▶ There is no official grade conversion between US marks and UK grades.
- ▶ International admission staff do not generally recommend reporting a US GPA on applications or transcripts
- ▶ US university admissions staff often evaluate international qualifications internally
- ▶ In some instances they may require that students use an external credential evaluator
- ▶ A GPA may be useful in helping determine the student's competitiveness.



IERF provided this unweighted GPA table to Fulbright in London as a rough guide for an A level grade to GPA conversion

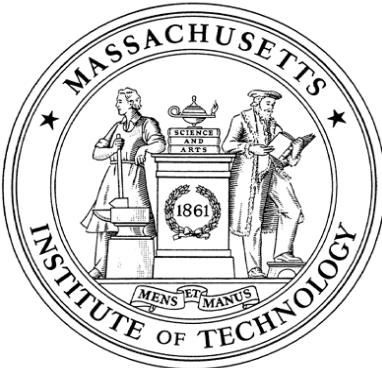
| Advanced Level | United States | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|------|
| A* | A+ | = | 4.00 |
| A | A | = | 4.00 |
| B | B+ | = | 3.30 |
| C | B | = | 3.00 |
| D | C+ | = | 2.30 |
| E | C | = | 2.00 |
| No Grade | F | = | 0.00 |

Yale University



‘Cambridge International A Levels are recognised for matriculation purposes. Credit awarded for Grades A or B. Students enrolled in A Level programs may use completed A Level results as a substitute for the SAT II Subject Tests on a one for one basis. Yale only gives credit for A Levels once they are approved by the student’s academic advisor.’

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

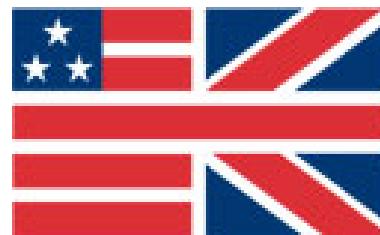


‘Cambridge International A Levels are recognised for matriculation purposes. Between 9 and 12 credit units are awarded to A Levels at grade A or B in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Humanities and Social Sciences.’

Tips and Hints

- ▶ Useful source of information for applications to study in the USA:

<http://www.fulbright.org.uk/study-in-the-usa/undergraduate-study/applying/common-application/tips-and-hints>



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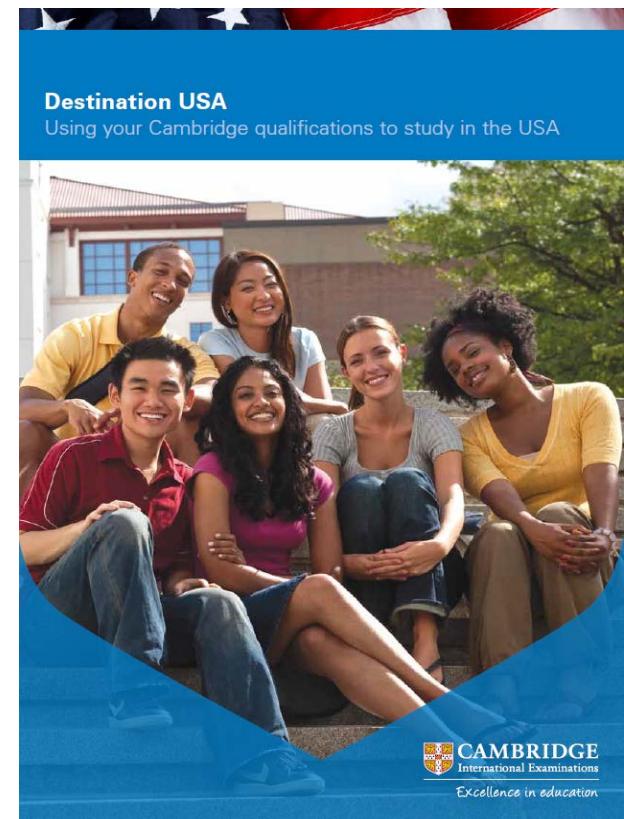
“We have been impressed by the depth and breadth of knowledge exhibited by Cambridge students. They arrive on campus well prepared and excited about learning, regardless of where they come from in the world.”

**Greg Roberts, Dean of Admissions,
University of Virginia**



Destination USA materials

- ▶ <http://www.cie.org.uk/usa/recognition/>
- ▶ <http://www.cie.org.uk/cambridge-for/universities-and-colleges/>



DESTINATION: CANADA



Admission and transfer credit

- ▶ Most universities require 5 different subjects of which 2 or 3 must be at A Level (the others at GCSE/IGCSE/O Level)
- ▶ Some will consider 2 AS Levels equivalent to 1 A Level
- ▶ Most give credit for A Levels (dependant on subject content and program choice). Policies are institution specific
- ▶ Transfer Credits for A Levels may or may not satisfy program prerequisites

McGill University

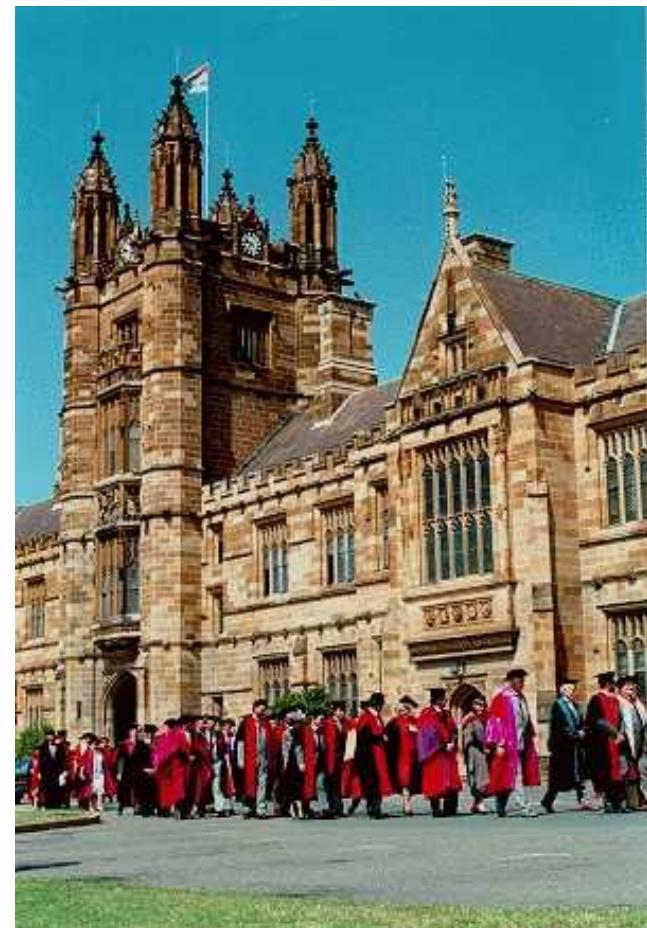
The minimum requirements are: three A-Levels with predicted and final grades of B, B, C or better, or two A-level and two AS subjects with grades of B, B, C, C, or better, or B, C, B, B, or better. However, many programs are more competitive and require higher grades for GCSEs, AS and A-levels. A maximum of 30 credits of advanced standing may be granted for final official A/AS Level results.

DESTINATION: AUSTRALIA



Australian University Admissions

- ▶ Over **40** universities currently officially recognise Cambridge qualifications
- ▶ 3 A Levels generally required for admission
- ▶ Combination of Cambridge International A and AS Levels accepted in some states; NSW accepts A Levels only
- ▶ IGCSE/ O Level accepted for Foundation programmes.
- ▶ International students generally apply directly to the university of their choice
 - ▶ Some universities will make offer based on predicted grades/evidence from AS Level for international students.



Things to consider

- ▶ Points criteria for entry – e.g. A*=6, A=5 etc.
- ▶ New South Wales (Sydney) and Victoria (Melbourne) are generally the most popular destinations
- ▶ Medicine requires an entrance examination
- ▶ Scholarships/financial aid are often available
- ▶ IELTS/TOEFL/CAE is a visa requirement.



DESTINATION: EUROPE



Europe in general

- ▶ Most countries in Europe offer 12 or 13 year education systems
- ▶ A Levels are widely accepted throughout Europe
- ▶ Some countries accept AS Level
- ▶ The qualifications of some Lisbon Agreement signatory countries are not accepted by all other signatories as '*significant differences*' have been identified:
 - ▶ For example: Applicants with the *Devlet Meslek Diplomasi* or the *Devlet Teknik Lise Diplomasi* will normally require a foundation course for entry onto undergraduate degree programmes
- ▶ Some countries have an ENIC-NARIC advisory body that makes recommendations to universities in that country e.g. **Nuffic** in the Netherlands

Germany



- ▶ The Central Office for Foreign Education or KMK, (an institution of The Ministries of Education and Cultural Affairs) has issued a recommendation that A and AS Level qualifications be recognised in Germany for entry to higher education.
- ▶ Minimum entry requirements for undergraduate study providing all other admissions criteria are met: *Minimum of 4 GCE AS and A Level subjects, three of which must be equivalent to GCE A Level*

3 GCE Advanced Levels (3 A Levels)

PLUS

1 GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level (1 AS Level)

- ▶ International A Levels accepted in exactly the same way as UK A Levels
- ▶ Full requirements are listed at:
<http://www.anabin.de/scripts/frmKapitel.asp?ID=3198>

Germany – Subject Requirements

- ▶ A language at minimum AS Level
- ▶ Mathematics OR a natural science, such as biology or chemistry or physics.
- ▶ Additional subject requirements for specific fields of study e.g. for technical, mathematical or natural science courses, must have A Level Maths and an A Level Science
- ▶ Certain subject combinations should be avoided: e.g. combining A Level in Business Studies & A Level Economics; these subjects will not be accepted as two independent A Levels.
- ▶ Vocational subjects are excluded
- ▶ Full requirements are listed at: <http://anabin.kmk.org/>
- ▶ **Flyer in German and English one our website here:**
<http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/recognition-and-acceptance/>

The Netherlands



- ▶ **Nuffic, the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education**, has issued the following recommendations as regards GCSE, AS and A Level qualifications and equivalency to the Dutch VWO and HAVO diplomas.
- ▶ A secondary education diploma (HAVO or VWO diploma) is required for admission to higher education
 - ▶ VWO diploma for entry to research-based universities
 - ▶ HAVO diploma for entry to universities of Professional Education

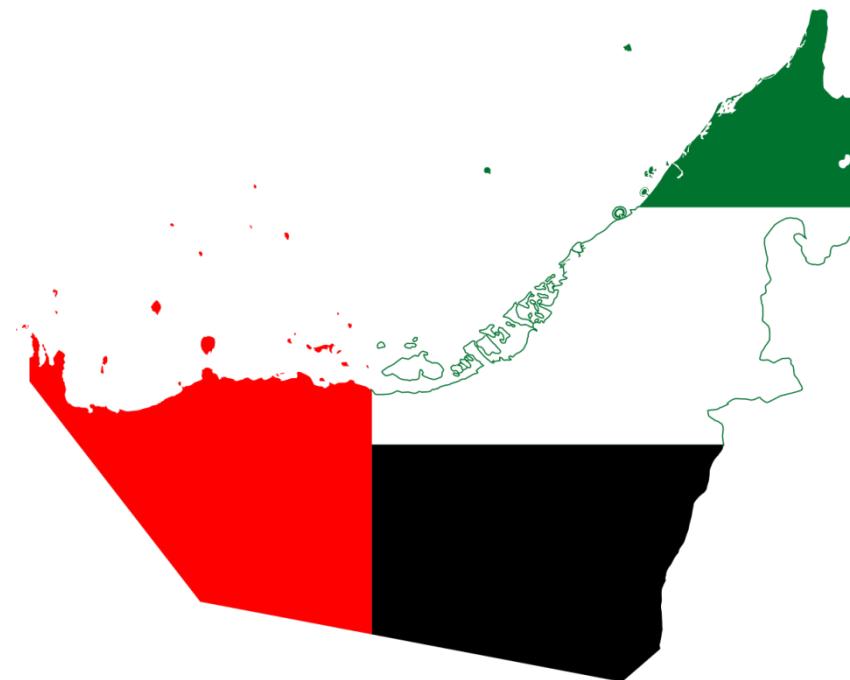
Equivalent of a VWO Diploma

3 GCSEs at grade C or above plus 3 A Levels (six different subjects in total) is comparable to a VWO diploma in the Netherlands.

Equivalent of a HAVO Diploma

4 GCSEs at grade C or above plus 2 AS Levels (six different subjects in total) is comparable to a HAVO diploma in the Netherlands

DESTINATION: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education in UAE has set the following university entrance requirements:

- ▶ All applicants must have completed 12 years of schooling in order to be given consideration for admissions to the UAE Institutions of higher education.
- ▶ Students will be considered for admission provided that they have a minimum of five subjects at IGCSE/O Level and two subjects at GCE AS Level with a grade "C" or better in all subjects.

Please note: These are the minimum admission requirements; institutions may establish higher standards at their own discretion. Students are advised to check with the university concerned before submitting an application.

DESTINATION:

EGYPT, JORDAN, KUWAIT and THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA





The Supreme Council of Universities sets requirements for university entrance for the public universities.

Admission to Egyptian Universities requires:

- A proof of twelve years of academic schooling.
- Minimum of 8 IGCSE subjects at grade C or above in addition to passes in Arabic, Religious Studies and Social Studies examinations held under the auspices of the Ministry of Education
- Minimum of 8 IGCSE subjects plus one A level or two AS levels for candidates applying to the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Engineering, Computer Science and Information.

Ministry of Education – Jordan



The Ministry of Education in Jordan has set the following university entrance requirements:

- ▶ To achieve equivalency to the *Jordanian Tawjihī*, the Jordanian school leaving certificate, students must:
 1. Provide proof of 12 completed years of schooling.
 2. Achieve at least six O-Levels and/or IGCSE subjects at grade D or above plus two A-level subjects at grade E or above
 3. For Arabic students, one of the eight subjects must be in Arabic language at either O-level, IGCSE or A Level (but not GCSE 1606/1607 or IGCSE 0544 Arabic as a Foreign Language).
 4. There are specific subject requirements for each of the streams – Scientific, Literary, Computing and Co-ordinated Science. Details for these plus additional notes on the acceptability of AS Level and retakes are available at:

http://www.britishcouncil.org/?mtklink=Tawjihī_Equivelancy



The Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has set the following university entrance requirements:

- ▶ To achieve the equivalent of the *Thanwya*, the school-leaving certificate of KSA:
 - 12 years of school education.
 - Eight IGCSE/GCSEs or Five IGCSE/GCSEs + one A-level or Five IGCSE/GCSEs + two AS-levels
 - Grades for each IGCSE subject must be C or above and for A Level & AS levels, grade D or above



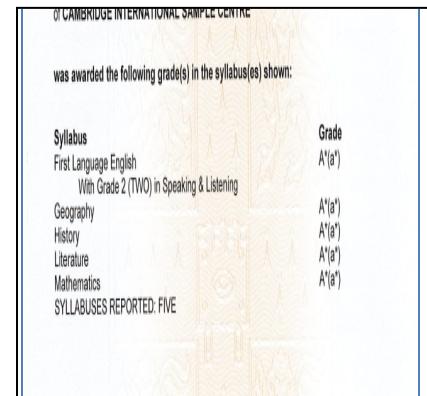
The Ministry of Education in Kuwait has set the following university entrance requirements:

- ▶ To achieve the equivalent of the *Al-Thanawia Al-Aama*, the Kuwaiti school-leaving qualification, an applicant must :
 1. Pass 6 IGCSE or O levels at Grade D or above.
 2. Applicants seeking the equivalent of the Kuwaiti school-leaving certificate (science stream) must complete all 4 subjects: Physics, Maths, Biology and Chemistry as part of their O levels or IGCSEs.
 3. AS or A levels (at minimum grade D) can be counted as part of the required 6 subjects.
 4. Applicants should not be less than 16 years old when they apply for equivalency.

REMINDER: Cambridge IGCSE First Language English - syllabus 0522 is being replaced

Please note: Our Ofqual-regulated IGCSE First Language syllabus 0522 is being replaced by Cambridge IGCSE (9-1) First Language English (0627).

- ▶ Cambridge IGCSE (9-1) First Language English Syllabus 0627 **will only be available to schools in England.**
- ▶ June 2016 is the final examination series for syllabus 0522.
- ▶ **Our 0500 syllabus with A*-G grades** will continue to be available to EU/EEA, Switzerland and all international schools
- ▶ **No change for Cambridge IGCSE English as a 2nd language, syllabus 0510 with grades A*-G** still available to EU/EEA, Switzerland and all international schools



was awarded the following grade(s) in the syllabus(es) shown:

| Syllabus | Grade |
|--|--------|
| First Language English With Grade 2 (TWO) in Speaking & Listening | A*(a*) |
| Geography | A*(a*) |
| History | A*(a*) |
| Literature | A*(a*) |
| Mathematics | A*(a*) |
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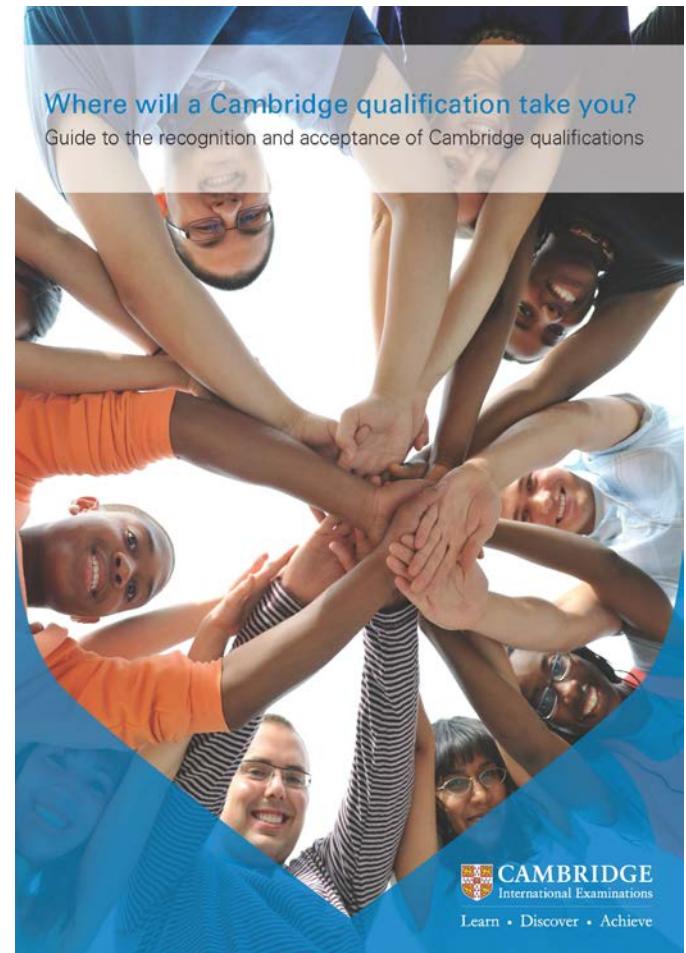
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| Syllabus | Grade |
|--|-------|
| English as Second Language With Grade 3 (THREE) in Oral/Aural | C(c) |
| Mathematics | D(d) |
| Geography | E(e) |
| History | E(e) |
| Sociology | E(e) |
| SYLLABUSES REPORTED: FIVE | |

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