

Statements of support from universities in destination countries

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Cambridge International is in the process of contacting universities around the world to gauge their response to Cambridge International's approach to the awarding of grades for the June 2021 examination series. This is a selection of responses we have received from universities. Some provided links to their websites and some provided direct responses to our recognition managers.

UK

University of Bath

Like A levels in the UK, exams have been cancelled and replaced for students studying International A levels through Pearson Edexcel or Oxford AQA. We understand exams will, however, go ahead as planned for students studying Cambridge International A levels in most countries, and where this is not possible because of Government-imposed restrictions (e.g. UK, Mexico) we will accept teacher-assessed grades.

The full statement on our approach is available at <https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/applying-for-undergraduate-study-in-2021/>

Bangor University

Bangor University are confident that the exams standard will be upheld and would be more than happy to confirm that Bangor University will continue to accept the Cambridge International qualifications for 2021.

Brunel University of London

Brunel will accept the June series grades in the same way as any other series.

City, University of London

City, University of London confirm that we will accept Cambridge Assessment International Education grades this year in the same manner as last year

University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh will be accepting Cambridge International qualifications in 2021 as normal, and we will treat the grades awarded this year in the same way we would grades awarded any other year.

Further information: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/2021/covid-19-updates/disruption-to-2021-exams>

Keele University

We understand the challenges that Awarding Bodies are currently facing and confirm that Keele University will accept Cambridge International grades from the June 2021 series in the same way as we have in previous years.

Lancaster University

Lancaster University welcomes students with Cambridge International A Levels and recognise the qualification as a reliable measure of a student's knowledge and skills and an indicator of a student's performance. Lancaster University recognises that 2020-21 has been an extremely challenging year and support the decision to offer exams to students around the world with the option of school assessed grades in countries (and parts of countries) depending on the local situation.

The London School of Economics & Political Science

The London School of Economics & Political Science will use the assessed (or achieved) grades as the basis of their confirmation decisions (the same as in a 'normal' year)

University of Manchester

Cambridge Assessment International Education has confirmed that every student will receive a final grade for their Cambridge International A-level. There will be three routes and the route will depend on local government regulations as to which is appropriate.

- 1) to run exams where safe and permitted;
- 2) to introduce extra temporary measures - such as adjustments, exemptions and expanded special considerations - into exam requirements, so as many students as possible can access the exams;
- 3) to accept school assessed-grades in the small number of countries, or regions within countries, where directives from national or local authorities mean that exams cannot go ahead, so students can progress to the next stage in their education or employment without delay.

We can confirm that we'll accept grades awarded for Cambridge International A-Levels this year as normal and will treat examination and non-examination grades equally. We'll consider your grades when they're available and, providing you meet your offer conditions, your place will be secured.

We're confident that Cambridge Assessment International Education will have used all resources available to them as an awarding organisation to ensure that they operate a rigorous process of due diligence in what is a truly unprecedented situation.

We're aware that this is a very unsettling time for all applicants but please be assured that we'll do all we can to ensure any changes to the examinations won't affect your opportunity to attend our University in the coming academic year. We're working closely with colleagues at Cambridge Assessment International Education to understand the changes that they've put in place and will adapt our admissions processes to take account of the necessary changes.

Our admissions teams are on hand to discuss your individual offer if you have any queries or concerns. This applies wherever you're studying in the world.

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus-applicants-update/undergraduate-applications/>

University of Nottingham

The University of Nottingham will continue to accept Cambridge international grades in the same way as before.

SOAS University of London

SOAS will not disadvantage students who are receiving school assessed grades as students within the UK will also have their grades decided by teachers.

Teesside University

Teesside University intend to continue accepting the Cambridge International qualifications at Teesside University.

University of Cambridge

University of Cambridge understand that arrangements for awarding grades may be different this year and that this may vary depending on where you are and by exam board. Please be reassured that we will accept your official results regardless of whether they were achieved via taking exams or via assessment by your school.

University of Oxford

International A-levels (offered by Cambridge Assessment International Education, Pearson Edexcel and Oxford AQA) are recognised as equivalent to UK GCE A-Levels on a grade-for-grade basis.

If you receive an offer but have not yet completed all your current qualifications, it is likely that this offer will be conditional. Normally, meeting these conditions involves achieving certain examination results and where examinations are going ahead as planned, we expect these conditions to be met. In countries where the normal examinations have been cancelled for 2021, we will expect the conditions of your offer to be met by the alternative assessment put in place by examination boards and examination regulators. While details of the assessment system that will replace summer examinations are still being finalised in England and some other countries, Oxford remains committed to a fair and flexible admissions process which will aim to ensure no students are disadvantaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular those from under-represented and less advantaged backgrounds. We are following government announcements closely and will provide more information as soon as we can. However, whatever changes occur, providing you meet all the conditions of your offer with us by the deadline stipulated by UCAS, your offer will be confirmed and you will be accepted by the University. This applies to all our offer holders, wherever you are currently studying in the world.

University of Warwick

The University of Warwick will accept the grades awarded in Summer 2021 in the same way as we have in previous years.

University of Winchester

University of Winchester will be accepting Cambridge International qualifications in the same way as in previous cycles.

North America (USA and Canada)

USA

University of Virginia

The University of Virginia believes the approach adopted by Cambridge International for the June 2021 series is appropriate, well-researched, and thoughtfully considered. High schools and educational institutions throughout the world are adapting their policies, programs, and assessments because of the disruptions that have occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes to grading processes, or using alternative methods of assessment, will not negatively affect Fall 2021 admission consideration. We will continue to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the school year and will be as flexible as possible throughout the admission process.

University of Maryland

The University of Maryland is pleased to continue its support of Cambridge International in light of its adaptations for the June 2021 series. We understand the need to make such adjustments. We are pleased that through our holistic application review, we can ensure that these adjustments will not have a negative impact on the students in the Fall 2021 admission process.

Canada

University of Toronto

The University of Toronto understands the approach adopted by Cambridge International for the June 2021 series. While educational jurisdictions around the world are adjusting their evaluation methods, grading processes, or using alternative methods of assessment, such adjustments will not negatively affect Fall 2021 admission consideration. We will continue to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the school year and will be as flexible as possible throughout the admission process.

<https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/requirements/international-high-school-secondary>

Europe

Germany

Corona-Pandemie: [Anwendung der Beschlüsse](#) der Kultusministerkonferenz für Zeugnisse, die in Zeiten der Corona-Pandemie erworben wurden (außer IB Diploma)/

Corona pandemic: Application of the decisions of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany [*hereafter referred to as Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK)*] for certificates acquired during the Corona pandemic (except IB Diploma)

Resolution of the *Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK)* of 07.04.2020 - Extension from 18.02.2021

Access to higher education in Germany with foreign educational qualifications* :

1. The Kultusministerkonferenz (KMK) acknowledges that due to the corona pandemic, regular classes are cancelled in many countries this year. Additionally, exams to acquire an entrance qualification to higher education institutions may not take place in the country of origin.
2. The KMK strongly emphasises that students who are entitled to study at a higher education institution in Germany must not be unfairly disadvantaged.
3. The KMK resolves that educational credentials for access to higher education institutions which are acquired during the corona pandemic - even if they are not based on all examinations usually required - will be evaluated according to the "*Resolutions of the Kultusministerkonferenz regarding Access to Higher Education Institutions with Foreign Educational Credentials*".
4. This regulation applies to educational certificates acquired under more difficult conditions in times of the Corona pandemic in 2021.
5. The Central Office for Foreign Education [**Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB)**] is asked to publish the decision in the *anabin* database, to monitor developments abroad and to add information to the database regarding the evaluation of educational credentials of the affected countries.

Further details can be found at <https://www.kmk.org/zab/zentralstelle-fuer-auslaendisches-bildungswesen/allgemeines-zur-anerkennung/veroeffentlichungen-und-beschluesse/hochschulzugang.html#c2347> and at

https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/ZAB/Hochschulzugang_Beschluesse_der_KMK/210218_KMK_Beschluss_Hochschulzugang_Corona_Verlaengerung.pdf

* including Cambridge International AS and A Level qualifications

Spain

UNED and applications to Spanish Universities for the academic year 2021-2022

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED) has confirmed that Cambridge International applications with grades awarded in the June 2021 exam series will be accepted in the same manner as those submitted in previous years.

UNED has also confirmed that the application procedure for students applying with A Levels for entry in the academic year 2021-2022 will be the same as for **pre-COVID** years:

- UNED will first issue **Provisional Accreditation** so that conditional offers of university places can be made.
- Once this provisional accreditation has been issued, students should **contact their chosen university to complete their application**.
- **Final Accreditation** will be issued to students once A Level results have been published on 10 August 2021. University places can then be confirmed.

Certain Cambridge international A level subjects will continue to be accepted in lieu of additional subject-specific entrance tests called **Pruebas de competencias específicas (PCE)**. Applicants can be awarded up to four additional points for grades achieved in two approved subjects. This is especially important for highly competitive courses. The university will advise the applicant whether their achievements in certain A Level subjects will permit them to be exempted from the PCE tests.

Full details about the admission procedure can be found on UNED's website, [UNEDasiss](https://www.uned.es). Helpful guidance on planning and submitting an application is also available here. Information on entry requirements for Spain can also be found on Cambridge International's recognition database at

<https://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

Please note: Before contacting UNED, applicants should first check all the entry requirements for their selected degree course with their chosen university. These requirements can be subject, grade and /or language specific. Additional tests such may also be required, depending on the course; some universities require applicants to sit the PCE tests. The university should be the applicant's first port of call if they have any questions regarding their selected course.

Distrito Único Andaluz and applications to Andalusian Universities for the academic year 2021-2022

The Distrito Único Andaluz has confirmed that Cambridge International applications with grades awarded in the June 2021 exam series will be accepted in the same manner as those submitted in previous years.

The public universities of the Distrito Único Andaluz have also confirmed that the application procedure for students applying with A Levels for entry in the academic year 2021 -2022 will be the same as for **pre-COVID** years:

- Students should apply through the following link:
<https://www.juntadeandalucia.es/economiaconocimientoempresasuniversidad/squit/>
- A provisional offer will be made depending on the academic requirements of the particular course and the student's predicted grades.
- The place at university will be confirmed to students once their A Level results have been published on 10 August 2021 and those results are uploaded to the student's pre-inscription profile and verified.

Depending on the course requirements students may need to take the **Pruebas de competencias específicas (PCE)** exams to gain an additional 4 points. The university will advise the applicant whether or not they will need to take the PCE tests.

Details about the admission procedure and submitting an application can be found on the Distrito Único Andaluz website at <https://www.juntadeandalucia.es/economiaconocimientoempresasuniversidad/squit/>. Information on entry requirements for Spain can also be found on Cambridge International's recognition database at <https://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

Please note: Before making an application, students should first check all the entry requirements for their selected degree course with their chosen university. These requirements can be subject, grade and /or language specific. Additional tests such may also be required, depending on the course; some universities require applicants to sit the PCE tests. The university should be the applicant's first port of call if they have any questions regarding their selected course.

Andalusia's Public Universities (Universidades Públicas)

- Universidad de Almería : <https://www.ual.es/en>
- Universidad de Cádiz : <https://www.ual.es/en>
- Universidad de Córdoba : <https://www.uco.es/>
- Universidad de Granada : <https://www.uco.es/>
- Universidad de Huelva : <http://uhu.es/english/academic-info/>
- Universidad de Jaén : <https://www.ujaen.es/en>
- Universidad de Málaga : <https://www.uma.es/>
- Universidad Pablo de Olavide : <https://www.upo.es/>
- Universidad de Sevilla : <https://www.us.es/>
- Universidad Internacional de Andalucía : https://www.unipage.net/en/9511/international_university_of_andalusia

Universidad Complutense de Madrid - Spain

We are pleased to inform Cambridge International that students coming from the British education system, according to information from both our Ministry of Education and Vocational Training and the Ministry of Universities, during the academic year 2021-2022, will be able to continue to benefit from the procedures for access to the Spanish University under the same terms provided for students coming from education systems of Member States of the European Union, provided that they meet the academic requirements demanded in their education systems to access their Universities.

The General Conference on University Policy has not yet established the minimum periods during which universities can set the deadlines for applications for admission to undergraduate studies. To date, no student from a European Union member state or from countries with which Spain has bilateral agreements, having fulfilled the access and admission requirements, has been left without a place at this University if, at the end of the pre-enrolment period, for reasons beyond their control, they did not have the corresponding accreditation from the UNEDassis.

Further information on UCM's undergraduate courses and admission procedure can be found at <https://www.ucm.es/> and at <https://www.ucm.es/english/non-exchange-students>

Denmark

The **Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education**, an agency of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science, has confirmed that Cambridge International AS & A Level, Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge O Level qualifications completed in the June 2021 exam series will be assessed for admission to undergraduate programmes in Denmark in exactly the same manner as in previous years.

Entry requirements can be found on the Agency's website at <https://ufm.dk/en/education/recognition-and-transparency/recognition-guide/admission-he> or on our recognition database at

<http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>. Students are advised to check key deadlines, such as the date of submission of final certificates, with their chosen institutions before submitting an application.

DTU, Technical University of Denmark

Further details are available at <https://www.dtu.dk/english> and at <https://www.dtu.dk/english/Education/Bachelor-BEng-and-BSc->

Sweden

Swedish Council of Higher Education

The Swedish Council of Higher Education /Universitets- och högskolerådet (UHR) understands that Cambridge International will be operating a dual-assessment route for the June 2021 exam series. There will be both examination and non-examination routes and the appropriate route will depend on directives from national or local authorities. June 2021 exams will go ahead where it is permitted and safe; exams are still the fairest and most accurate way of assessing candidates' performance. Where this is not possible, it acknowledges that Cambridge International will switch to school-assessed grades (SAGS) so that students can progress with their education despite the impact of the pandemic.

The Council has confirmed that it will accept results for Cambridge International qualifications awarded in the June 2021 exam series in the same manner as in previous years. Furthermore, examination and non-examination grades (i.e. SAGS) will be treated with equal validity.

The Swedish Council for Higher Education/ Universitets- och högskolerådet (UHR) is a government agency; their responsibilities include the recognition of foreign qualifications for entry to university in Sweden. The Department of Qualifications Recognition (Sweden's ENIC-NARIC office at the UHR) provides key information on how foreign qualifications, including AS & A Levels, compare to those in Sweden.

Further information can be found at <https://www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/enic-naric-sweden/> and on Cambridge International's recognition database at <https://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

Romania

Romanian Ministry of Education - National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED)

CNRED confirms that Cambridge Certificates will be recognized as they have been in previous years, that is, following verification of the student's June 2021 exam results, either with their Statement of Results or through Cambridge International's online verification portal, CI Direct. CNRED will also inform universities in Romania about Cambridge International's dual-assessment approach for the June 2021 exam series and advise them to accept students with June 2021 exam results who have received a statement of recognition from CNRED.

Please note: students must check the entry requirements for their chosen course with the university before applying as each institution has its own admission criteria.

Further details regarding the recognition process can be found at <https://www.cnred.edu.ro/>

Ukraine

ENIC Ukraine - National Information Centre of Academic Mobility of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

The results for Cambridge International qualifications awarded in the June 2021 exam series will be accepted in the Ukraine in the same manner as in previous years. School-assessed grades for the June 2021 series will be accepted for countries/regions where final examinations have been officially cancelled. Further information is available at: www.naric.in.ua

Across the region of Europe

The institutions listed below have endorsed the following statement of support:

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- **IED Istituto Europeo di Design spa**
Further information: <https://www.ied.edu/> and at <https://www.ied.edu/admissions-italy/undergraduate>
- **Università di comunicazione e lingue (IULM) – Italy**
Further information: <https://www.iulm.it/en/home/home> and at <https://www.iulm.it/en/offerta-formativa#lauree-triennali>
- **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore**
Further information: <https://www.unicatt.it/> and at <https://international.unicatt.it/>
- **IE University - Madrid, Spain**
Further details can be found at <https://www.ie.edu/university/> and at <https://www.ie.edu/university/admission/admission-process/>
- **European Global School - France**
Further details on applying to EGS can be found at <https://www.egs.edu.eu/>
- **HTWG Konstanz - University of Konstanz Technology, Business and Design – Germany**
Further details are available at <https://www.htwg-konstanz.de/> and at <https://www.htwg-konstanz.de/informationen-fuer/studieninteressierte/>
- **Sabanci University - Istanbul, Turkey**
Further information is available at <https://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en> and at <https://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/prospective-undergraduate-students>
- **Istanbul Bilgi University – Turkey**
Further information can be found at <https://aday.bilgi.edu.tr/> and at <https://www.bilgi.edu.tr/en/international/>

The Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam

We will continue to accept Cambridge A-levels under the new approach.

Tilburg University

Tilburg University will continue to accept the Cambridge International qualifications.

Wageningen University & Research

As a university we trust the Cambridge methods of evaluation/examination and we accept the International Cambridge qualifications for our September 2021 intake.

VU Amsterdam

VU Amsterdam continue to accept the International A-levels offered by the official exam boards for the intake of 2021. We fully trust that Cambridge Assessment maintains the quality of the qualifications.

Also on website: <https://vuweb.vu.nl/en/more-about/list-of-diplomas-per-country>

Southeast Asia & Pacific

Australia

Monash University

We will continue to accept the Cambridge GCE A Level May/June 2021 examination for admission using the guidelines we have listed on our [website](#) provided the students results are issued on an official transcript issued by Cambridge International (and available in the Cambridge International Direct verification system).

Malaysia

University of Technology Malaysia (UTM)

UTM will honour the decisions set by Cambridge Assessment International Education.

New Zealand

University of Auckland

University of Auckland supports this approach by Cambridge Assessment International Education.

Singapore

Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)

We are supportive of the proposed approach by Cambridge Assessment International Education.

Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

We will support Cambridge Assessment in the approach.