



Cambridge Assessment
International Education



Routes to university with Cambridge qualifications

**Cambridge
Pathway** 

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About us

Cambridge Assessment International Education prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge.

Our Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

A gateway to a world of opportunity

A place at university is the goal of millions of learners around the world – the chance to study a subject in depth, make new friends, gain new experiences, and develop lifelong skills and understanding.

We now offer two routes to university using Cambridge qualifications.

Students can apply with:

- Cambridge International A Levels.
- Cambridge International AS Levels.

Both routes give students the opportunity to gain highly prestigious Cambridge qualifications and enter the university that best suits their aspirations, ability and budget.



Route 1: Cambridge International A Level route



Route 2: Cambridge International AS Level route



“ My Cambridge International A Level results were recognised by all of the Canadian universities I applied to, making the process easy. My Cambridge qualifications also gained me 33 transfer credits before I even started my first class at university. ”

Deep Patel, Cambridge International A Level student from Tanzania who gained a place at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

Routes to university at a glance

	Route 1: Cambridge International A Levels (see page 3)	Route 2: Cambridge International AS Levels (see page 4)
Length of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two years of study leading to certified Cambridge International A Level qualifications, followed by a degree course at university. Degree courses vary in length depending on the subject, but can be reduced with college credits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One year of study leading to certified Cambridge International AS Level qualifications, followed by a degree course at university. Degree courses vary in length depending on the subject, but can be reduced with college credits.
University recognition and course credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted by thousands of universities worldwide for entry to degree level courses, including the world's top institutions. Please check admissions requirements for each university before applying. Many universities in the US and Canada offer Cambridge International A Level students up to a full year's college credit, potentially reducing a degree course by a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted by many universities around the world for entry to degree-level courses. Please check admissions requirements for each university before applying. Some universities in the US and Canada offer Cambridge International AS Level students up to a semester's credit, potentially reducing the length of a degree course.
Subject choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 45 Cambridge International A Level subjects available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 55 Cambridge International AS Level subjects available.
When and how do students apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students typically apply for university at the start of the second year of Cambridge International A Level study. Many schools help students manage the application process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students typically apply for university at the start of the Cambridge International AS Level course. Many schools help students manage the application process.
This route is ideal for students who:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> want the widest choice of university and degree options, including the option to apply to leading universities worldwide (such as Cambridge, Oxford and the Ivy League) and more competitive courses (such as Medicine). want more time to consider their choice of degree. want to expand their knowledge, understanding and study skills over two years in order to be ready for university. want to take advantage of potential college credit to reduce the length and cost of their studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> are happy with the range of universities and courses accepting Cambridge International AS Level students. want to go to university as soon as possible. want the option of continuing their studies for another year to gain the full Cambridge International A Level. want to take advantage of potential college credit to reduce the length and cost of their studies.

Route 1: Apply to university with Cambridge International A Levels

Students who take this route have access to the largest possible choice of university courses and locations around the world.

Students with good grades at Cambridge International A Level can apply to the world's top universities and most competitive courses. Most students choose three or four Cambridge International A Level subjects which usually require up to two years of study, followed by a university degree course of typically three to four years.

Subject choice

We offer a choice of over 45 subjects at Cambridge International AS & A Level, with no restrictions on subject combination. This allows great flexibility, especially for students not yet sure of the undergraduate course they would like to follow.



University admissions and college credit

Most universities ask for three or four A Level passes, often at specific grades. However, as every university and course is different, students must check admissions requirements before applying. The chance of admission can also improve with high grades in relevant Cambridge International A Level subjects, strong application documents, and evidence of having completed an extended project qualification such as Cambridge International A Level Global Perspectives & Research or the Cambridge International Project Qualification (IPQ).

Students are frequently able to use their Cambridge International A Level qualifications to apply for up to a year's college credit in the US and Canada against their chosen degree course (see page 5 for more details).

Application process

Students typically start the university application process during their second year of Cambridge International A Level study, and are usually supported by their school or college.

Students can apply to any university or course, but must usually achieve specific grades for admission. Many courses also ask for specific subjects or courses. Every university and course is different so students must check the admissions policy before they apply.

Learn more

For more information about Cambridge International A Levels, including a searchable database of recognition statements from universities, go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/alevel

Route 2: Apply to university with Cambridge International AS Levels

Many universities welcome applications from students with Cambridge International AS Levels, including in the US, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

Cambridge International AS Levels contain half the content of an A Level. This means the qualification can be completed in one year, followed by a university degree course of typically three to four years.

Subject choice

We offer a choice of over 55 Cambridge International AS Level subjects, with no restrictions on subject combination. This allows great flexibility, especially for students not yet sure of the undergraduate course they would like to follow. With this route, students also retain the option to continue their studies and gain the full Cambridge International A Level qualification.



Alternative entry routes with transition programmes or diplomas

Students with Cambridge International AS Levels can take an alternative entry route into the second year of their chosen university through pathway programmes offered by global education providers such as Monash University and Navitas. These programmes typically consist of a Year One transition programme or diploma, often with guaranteed entry into the second year of an undergraduate degree at the university. Additional support is often available to make sure students are ready for university.

Applying to Monash University with Cambridge International AS Levels

Students with good AS Levels would meet the entry requirements for the Monash–Cambridge International AS Level Diploma pathway. On successful completion of the Diploma programme, students may be fast-tracked to the second year of the undergraduate programme.

Find out the entry requirements for the Monash–Cambridge International AS Level Diploma pathway at: www.monashcollege.edu.au/courses/diplomas/academic-entry-requirements

Applying to university with Cambridge International AS Levels and Navitas

Navitas offers a route to university which combines an initial one-year Cambridge International AS Level course, followed by three years of study at one of Navitas's 15 partner universities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, the UK and the US.

Each degree course starts with a Year One transition programme, delivered jointly by Navitas and the university, which includes language and study skills training. This is usually followed by two more years at the university. Find out more about applying to university with Navitas on their website: www.study.navitas.com/cambridge2019

University admissions and college credit

Students typically need three or four Cambridge International AS Levels for university entry, but specific requirements will depend on the university and the course. Students applying to university in the US and Canada with Cambridge International AS Levels may also be eligible for up to a semester's college credit (see page 6 for more details). Many universities also award college credit for individual subjects.

Many universities will consider applicants with Cambridge International AS Levels if their 'school profile' provides a clear explanation of why they made this choice (for example, the school system in their country ends at Year 12 and so they do not have the option to complete the full A Level in Year 13). The 'school profile' is a document completed by the applicant's school and submitted with their university application. A template school profile can be downloaded from our website at: www.cambridgeinternational.org/school-profile



Application process

Students typically begin the application process as they start their Cambridge International AS Levels, and are usually supported by their school or college. Students can apply to any university or course, but must usually achieve specific grades for admission. Many courses also ask for specific subjects. As every university and course is different, students must check the admissions policy before applying. This should be available on the university's website.

Learn more

Visit our website for more information on universities which accept AS Levels for entry to degree courses, including the 220 institutions which also offer college credit for AS Level qualifications. Go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition

“ I chose the University of Northampton International College (UNIC) because of their high education standards and the strong foundations they set students for the future. I have made great friendships and enjoy learning about cultures from my friends. I would definitely recommend this University to anyone in my home country.”

More information

What is college credit?

Most universities in the US and Canada require students to gain a certain number of academic credits to graduate. However, it is possible for students to begin earning these credits while still at school. Many universities recognise that students holding advanced qualifications, such as Cambridge International AS & A Levels, have already covered some of the topics in their chosen degree course before they arrive on campus.

By receiving credit in advance for these studies (also known as advanced standing, transfer credit or credit transfer), students can reduce the length of their undergraduate course – also saving related tuition fees and accommodation costs. Every university in the US and Canada determines their own college credit arrangements.

What is a school profile?

A school profile gives a summary of a university applicant's school. Many universities like to receive a school profile as it places a student's application in a useful context.

A school profile is valued by universities in the US and Canada, while other countries, such as Australia and the UK, are finding the school profile increasingly helpful. It gives a university useful information about the academic and extra-curricular offering of a school, and how the school delivers its curriculum.

Complete your school profile by using our school profile template on our website at: www.cambridgeinternational.org/schoolprofile

Stand out from the crowd with the Cambridge IPQ

Cambridge International Project Qualification (Cambridge IPQ) is an exciting new project-based qualification. Students have the opportunity to develop skills by carrying out research into a topic of their choice. Taking Cambridge IPQ allows learners to demonstrate engagement with their chosen topic beyond preparation for an exam, helping them to stand out from the crowd with university and job applications.

Cambridge IPQ is typically for learners aged 16 to 19 years and can support university applications for both Cambridge International AS & A Level students. Find out more at: www.cambridgeinternational.org/ipq



Next steps...

Learn more about routes to university with Cambridge International on our website, where you can also find up-to-date information on:

- universities and colleges that recognise Cambridge qualifications.
- universities and colleges that offer course credit to Cambridge students.
- Navitas partner universities.
- contact details.

Go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/routes-to-university