



Cambridge O Level

A guide for universities

Leading universities, further education institutions and employers around the world recognise Cambridge O Level subjects as evidence of academic achievement and as an ‘international passport’ to progression and success.

Key facts

Cambridge O Level is an internationally recognised qualification equivalent to Cambridge IGCSE™ and the UK GCSE. It provides learners with excellent preparation for Cambridge International AS & A Level as well as other progression routes. Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge O Level are equivalent qualifications grade for grade.

Flexible subject choices

Cambridge O Level offers a flexible curriculum, with a choice of more than 40 subjects in any combination. Students are free to study a wide variety of subjects, enabling them to discover their strengths and develop a passion for learning.

You can find a full list of subjects and syllabuses at:
www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-o-level/subjects

Who takes Cambridge O Level?

We designed Cambridge O Level for an international audience. It is sensitive to the needs of different countries and is for learners whose first language may not be English. This is acknowledged during the assessment process.

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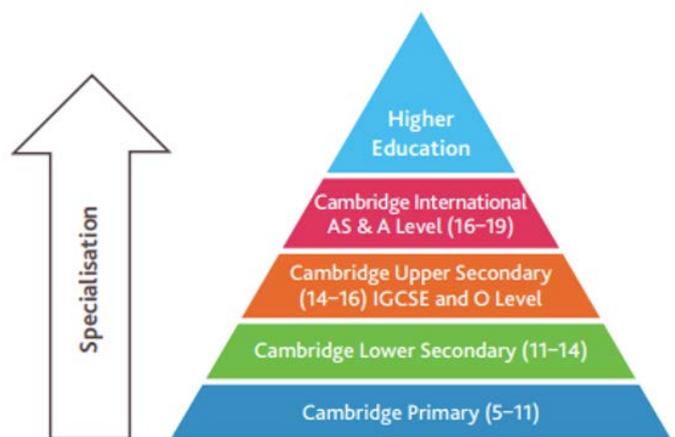
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Develop unique skills

Cambridge O Levels develop learner knowledge, understanding and skills in:

- subject content
- applying knowledge and understanding to familiar and new situations
- intellectual enquiry
- flexibility and responsiveness to change
- working and communicating in English
- influencing outcomes
- cultural awareness.



Grading and assessment

Assessment takes place at the end of the course and includes written, oral and practical exams. This gives learners a variety of ways to show their knowledge and skills, particularly when their first language is not English.

Grades are benchmarked using six internationally recognised grades, from A* to E. These have clear guidelines to explain the standard of achievement.

Cambridge O Level exam series occur twice a year, in June and November. Results are issued in August and January.

Sample certificate and statement of results

Cambridge O Level certificates are evidence of official results from Cambridge. Official Cambridge documents also have other hidden security features.

Cambridge O Level certificate

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General Certificate of Education

This certifies that in the June 2025 examination series
A SAMPLE
of **A SAMPLE CENTRE**

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

Syllabus	Grade
Art and Design	Ordinary Level

Grade A(a)

SYLLABUSES REPORTED: ONE

Number of syllabuses taken

Signature of VC of University of Cambridge

Vice-Chancellor
University of Cambridge

Watermark

Candidate Number: XXXXX/XXXX
Certificate Number: XXXXXXX

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Serial number
00920797
DP983

Sample certificate and statement of results continued

Cambridge O Level statement of results

Statement of Results

**INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ORDINARY LEVEL**

<p>Candidate Name A SAMPLE CANDIDATE</p> <p>Centre Name A SAMPLE CENTRE</p>	<p>Date of Birth XX/XX/XXXX</p> <p>Series November 2025</p>	<p>Centre / Cand. No. XXXXXX/XXXX</p> <p>To be quoted on all correspondence</p>
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GCE O Level			
Syllabus	Syllabus Title	Result	Percentage Uniform Mark
2035	Biblical Studies	A(a)	81 %

Explanatory Notes

This is an International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O Level) Statement of Results. Cambridge University Press & Assessment (Cambridge) reserves the right to amend the information on this statement. Results will be confirmed by the issue of a certificate.

IGCSE results are reported on an 8-point scale of grades: A*(a*), A(a), B(b), C(c), D(d), E(e), F(f) or G(g), grade A*(a*) being the highest and grade G(g) the lowest. UNGRADED indicates a standard below that required for grade G(g).

GCE O Level results are reported on a 6-point scale of grades: A*(a*), A(a), B(b), C(c), D(d) or E(e), grade A*(a*) being the highest and grade E(e) the lowest. UNGRADED indicates a standard below that required for grade E(e).

NO RESULT indicates that a result cannot be issued because of absence for the whole or part of the examination in the syllabus or because of a decision not to issue a result for some other reason.

PENDING indicates that a result cannot be issued at present but will follow in due course.

In some IGCSE and GCE O Level syllabuses, Oral/Aural (Speaking & Listening) communication is reported separately on a 5-point numerical scale, grade 1(ONE) being the highest and grade 5(FIVE) the lowest. Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade 5(FIVE) will not receive an Oral/Aural (Speaking & Listening) communication endorsement. The endorsement grade for Oral/Aural (Speaking & Listening) communication will be reported on certificates provided the overall IGCSE syllabus result is grade G(g) or higher and provided the overall GCE O Level result is grade E(e) or higher.

For English as a Second Language 0510, Speaking is compulsory and is reported separately. For English as a Second Language 0511, Speaking is compulsory but is not reported separately. For IGCSE First Language syllabuses, Afrikaans as a Second Language and GCE O Level French, Oral/Aural (Speaking & Listening) communication is optional and is reported separately.

The Percentage Uniform Mark is provided in addition to the grade for a syllabus. The Percentage Uniform Mark is not the total mark achieved for the syllabus. It is a common scale for all syllabuses to show whether the candidate's performance is close to the top, bottom or middle of the grade. A Percentage Uniform Mark is not provided where the candidate's result is Ungraded, No Result, or Pending.

Only grades A*(a*) to G(g) achieved in IGCSE syllabuses and grades A*(a*) to E(e) in GCE O Level syllabuses will be reported on the certificate.



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DP966

Candidate details including candidate number

Syllabus number

Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM)

University recognition

Many universities worldwide require a combination of Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge O Levels to meet their entry requirements.

Recognise Cambridge O Level

Our online database includes higher education institutions worldwide that have provided us with their formal acceptance policies for Cambridge qualifications. Schools, Cambridge learners and their parents use the database to research options before following up with universities directly.

Visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition-search for more information.

To add your institutional policy or discuss accepting Cambridge qualifications, please contact our Recognition team at recognitions@cambridgeinternational.org

Please note that policies are subject to change. Also, some universities or colleges may not yet be listed on our database, but still may recognise Cambridge qualifications or grant credit. Check with organisations directly for the most up-to-date information.

Results verification

Our secure online student results verification website, Direct, allows universities, higher education institutions and ministries of education to verify applicants' Cambridge results online.

We can give university admissions office staff access to the website so they can view and verify students' results online. This is a free service.

Visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/recognition-and-acceptance/guidance-for-universities/results-services-for-universities for more information about how to access Cambridge results, together with frequently asked questions.

Note that some Cambridge O Levels are delivered in partnership with ministries of education that are responsible for deciding how and when their student results are published. These results cannot be verified using Direct.

To apply for access to the website, complete the online form on the 'Verification of students' results' webpage: www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/results/verification-of-students-results

Cambridge alumni

We aim to prepare students to be ready for the world, and we are always thrilled to hear what Cambridge learners go on to do next. We would be delighted to feature Cambridge alumni from your institution in future case studies. Please contact us at recognitions@cambridgeinternational.org to find out more.

University showcase

Universities can be considered to feature in publications and events for Cambridge learners. If you are interested in showcasing your university with Cambridge schools and their learners, please contact us at recognitions@cambridgeinternational.org to explore further.

Resources

Recognition database



Our recognition database is an online directory of worldwide institutions that have given formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications, as part of their admissions and entry requirements. It is regularly updated

with new recognition statements allowing Cambridge students to see where their Cambridge qualifications are accepted. The database is the first place for students, parents and schools to check whether a particular institution would consider an application from a student holding Cambridge qualifications. Students then visit the university's own website for more details.

Cambridge O Level policies are listed on our database. Add or check yours by following the link from:

www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch

An informative recognition policy on our database can really set your university apart.

Cambridge International Direct



Direct is our online student results verification system, which allows universities, higher education institutions and ministries of education to verify applicants' Cambridge results online.

To apply for access (free of charge) visit:

www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/results/verification-of-students-results

International Admissions Officer Toolkit



For more information about Cambridge International Education, our qualifications, and resources for universities and recognising organisations, please refer to our International Admissions Officer Toolkit:

www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/707355-international-admissions-officer-s-toolkit.pdf

Recognition and credit policy search

Search Cambridge International's global database of recognition policies

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Higher education institutions: To be added to this search, an official employee or designated representative may [register your recognition policy details](#).



How to search

To search by organisation only, enter the organisation name and select search.

To search by other criteria, select the categories (organisation name, location, organisation type, qualifications) separately or in any combination. All categories are optional but selecting a combination will increase the number of your search results.

Organisation name

Enter name(s) (up to 20)

Location

Organisation type

- Select all
- Universities and colleges
- Governments and ministries
- Professional organisations
- Companies

Qualifications

- Cambridge IGCSE and O Level +
- Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE +
- Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (Cambridge PDQs) +
- Cambridge Global Perspectives +
- Cambridge Pre-U +
- Withdrawn qualifications +

CIEDirect



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Welcome to CIE Direct

You can use CIE Direct to view and verify prospective student results quickly and easily.

To access a student's results you need to know their:

- Cambridge Centre number
- Cambridge candidate number
- date of birth.

You also need to know the relevant exam series.

You must tell the student you will use this data to access their results from Cambridge Assessment International Education.

From CIE Direct you can:

- search for up to 20 sets of candidate results on screen
- search for up to 1200 sets of candidate results using the multiple candidate search facility
- view results on screen or download a file of results.

Feedback on CIE Direct

Please email any feedback to recognitions@cambridgeinternational.org

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Learn more! For more information, visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition



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