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International Education

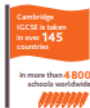
# Going Global: Preparing your students for higher education overseas

Recognitions Managers



# With Cambridge qualifications, the world is within your reach

Cambridge qualifications are accepted at over **1400** institutions across **195** countries, including these top ranking universities in the US, UK and elsewhere.



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Students who follow the Cambridge Pathway are equipped to find success around the world. Our qualifications are accepted at universities and colleges, professional associations, governments, ministries and companies, across 195 countries. Learn more at [cambridgeinternational.org](http://cambridgeinternational.org)

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# Our Global Team



# Making successful applications - UK



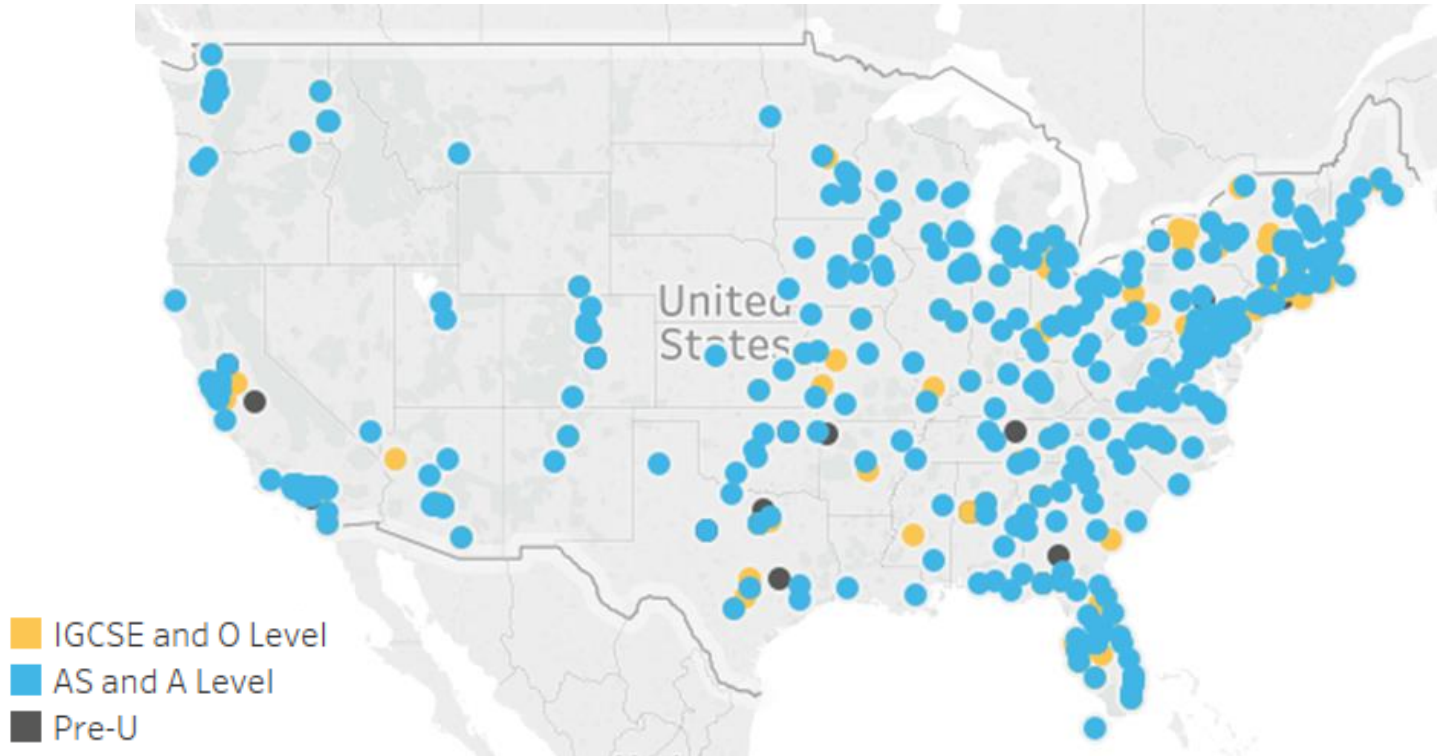
- ▶ Cambridge IGCSE and International A Levels are accepted on a grade for grade basis as GCSE and A Levels and recognised by all UK universities.
- ▶ Cambridge Pre-U also widely recognised.
- ▶ Subjects studied are important – universities will make subject specific offers.
- ▶ IGCSE English Language widely recognised by universities.
  - ▶ Minimum Grade C/4 usually required.
  - ▶ Medicine courses may require a minimum number of GCSEs to have been taken.
- ▶ Global Perspectives and Research will often be used as part of a holistic review and can support applications for competitive courses.

# Making successful applications – UK



- ▶ Personal statements are important – students should be encouraged to consider their motivation for study and why they're interested in a particular subject.
- ▶ Personal statements can also include a little about a student's extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.
- ▶ Some courses will interview – apply early to allow time to arrange an in-country interview or make arrangements for Skype.
- ▶ Universities like to see evidence of independent study and responsibility – the Cambridge International Project Qualification is a good way to demonstrate this.
- ▶ Universities place great focus upon predicted grades so important that these are shared with the applicant early so they can make their choices appropriately.
  - ▶ Choices should include an ambitious/stretch choice and a back-up.

# Making successful applications - USA



# Making successful applications - USA



- ▶ Many universities, but not all, use the Common Application form ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) which allows you to apply to multiple institutions using one form.
- ▶ Entry to many universities in the USA requires students to present standardised test results from the SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) or the ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)).
- ▶ The most common English language proficiency tests required by universities are TOEFL and IELTS. However, some universities will waive this requirement because you have been educated in English or if you hold a good grade in at least Cambridge IGCSE English (First or Second Language).

## Destination Survey 2018-19

### Top 5 universities

1. Florida State University
2. University Of Florida
3. University Of South Florida
4. University Of Miami
5. Georgia Institute Of Technology (Georgia Tech)

### Top 5 subjects

1. Engineering
2. Business & Management
3. Medicine
4. Biological Sciences
5. Nursing & social work



# Making successful applications - Australia



- ▶ Generally 3-year undergraduate programmes
- ▶ All Australian universities officially recognise Cambridge qualifications
- ▶ Three A Levels generally required for admission
- ▶ Combination of Cambridge International AS & A Levels accepted in some states
- ▶ AS Levels pathways e.g. Monash University and Queensland University of Technology
- ▶ Some universities will make international students an offer based on predicted AS/A Level grades or evidence of ability from AS Level



# Making successful applications - Australia



The English Language requirements vary between Australian universities, and according to the course you want to study. For entry into Law and Medicine, for example, the English Language requirements are generally higher than the other courses

The IELTS test is the most common way of demonstrating your English language ability. Many universities require you to obtain a minimum score in each band of the IELTS (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking) in a single sitting. Cambridge English Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) is also widely accepted by universities.

In addition, you will need to meet the Australian government English language requirement. To apply for a student visa, you must be accepted to study full-time at an educational institution in Australia. For the purpose of visa application, an IELTS average score of 5.5 is required. Cambridge English CAE score of 162 is deemed as equivalent to the required IELTS score.



Our qualifications are recognised by over 50 Canadian universities, including some of the country's most prestigious, globally top-ranking institutions.

## College or University

University of Toronto

University of British Columbia

McGill University

University of Ottawa

University of Alberta

Concordia University

University of Saskatchewan

Cambridge International AS & A Level students may be eligible for advanced standing credit, which can reduce a degree course from four to three years.

# Making successful applications - Canada



## ▶ College

For college entry, students are typically asked for at least five Cambridge IGCSE or O Level qualifications or a combination of Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge IGCSEs (specific requirements are detailed on individual college websites).

## ▶ University

Students with at least four AS Levels and/or at least two A Levels are eligible to apply to a Canadian university, but every course will have specific entry requirements. The more competitive programmes (such as the sciences or business) may have additional minimum requirements.

## ▶ **Language requirements**

All Canadian universities will ask for evidence of language proficiency in either English or French.

# Planning your university support programme

- ▶ When do learners select their A level subjects
- ▶ Support for 'early applicants' e.g. medics
- ▶ Determining country preferences early to be able to plan support
- ▶ What resources do you have available in school for learners

# Best practice in supporting learners

- ▶ Introducing our checklist
  - ▶ Discuss on your tables
- ▶ University applications timescales

The image displays two documents from Cambridge Assessment International Education. The top document is a 'University applications checklist' with a table for recording responses. The bottom document is a 'University application timescales' infographic showing a calendar from September to August with various application milestones.

### University applications checklist

Many Cambridge International schools support learners applying to a wide range of universities globally. We have produced a checklist to allow you to evaluate the processes you have in place for supporting your students in their applications to universities and colleges.

Y/N	Process	Comments
	Do you have a guidance counselor or nominated staff member responsible for transition to higher education?	
	Does your school have a prospectus library or resource area that learners can visit to find out more about higher education?	
	Are you familiar with the Cambridge recognitions database?	
	Do you have a network of former students that are in higher education currently that could visit the school to inspire and advise current students?	
	Do you have a mechanism in place for recording student destinations?	
	Does your school welcome visits from universities and if so, how do you promote your school to visiting representatives?	
	Does your school host a college fair/bate students to a college fair?	

### University application timescales

39% of Cambridge students progress to university

93% of Cambridge students progress to university

Choose Cambridge International A Level courses

Review

Apply

Confirm

Off to university!

Key dates and milestones:

- September: UCAS applications open
- October: UCAS applications close
- November: UCAS applications close
- December: UCAS applications close
- January: UCAS applications close
- February: UCAS applications close
- March: UCAS applications close
- April: UCAS applications close
- May: UCAS applications close
- June: UCAS applications close
- July: UCAS applications close
- August: UCAS applications close

# Our Resources

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## Destination UK

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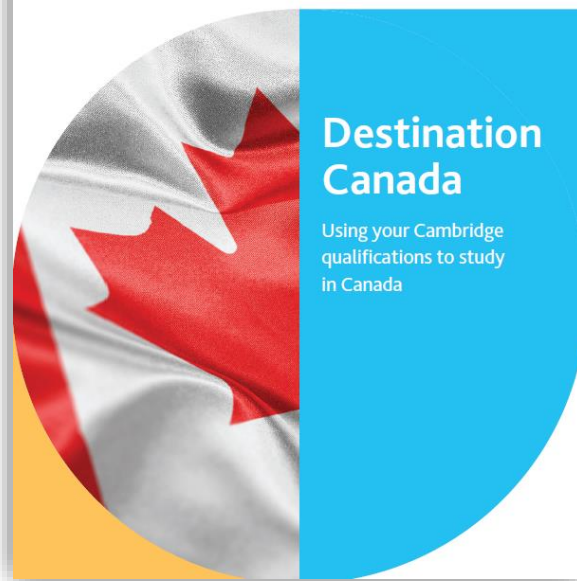
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## University recognition worldwide

Guide to the recognition  
and acceptance of  
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# Recognitions Database

## Recognition search

Welcome to the recognition search page.

Our recognition database is an online directory of worldwide organisations which have specifically provided us with formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications. Although the database is updated regularly, this is not an exhaustive list. There are many organisations not listed here which do accept Cambridge qualifications. The database is correct according to the information provided to us; however, we recommend checking with organisations directly for the most up-to-date information as regards entry requirements since these requirements are subject to 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.

Country

Organisation name

Organisation type

Select all organisation types

Universities and colleges

Government ministries

Professional associations

Companies

Cambridge IGCSE and O Level +

Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE +

Cambridge Pre-U +

Cambridge Global Perspectives +

Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (Cambridge PDDs) +

Withdrawn qualifications +

- ▶ Users: Schools, students, parents and universities
- ▶ Find institutions which recognise Cambridge qualifications

[www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch)



**Any questions?**





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# THANK YOU

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