

Qualifications for entrance

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You are asked to note that applications will be considered on the basis of the list that is in effect at the time the application is received in the Admissions Office.

This section lists some of the qualifications that have been recognised by the External System as satisfying either the general entrance requirements or part of the general entrance requirements or the entrance requirements for one particular degree or diploma.

Qualifications that satisfy the general entrance requirements do not necessarily satisfy the course requirements (where applicable). The course requirements are considered separately and may not appear in this list.

All applications are considered individually on merit. Therefore, even if, according to this list, you appear to satisfy the entrance requirements, you may not be automatically eligible to register as an External student.

Please note: this list is given for guidance purposes only and the External System reserves the right to amend it at any time.

The qualifications are listed by country and in accordance with the following key:

O is equivalent to GCSE/GCE O level

A or **AS** is equivalent to GCE A/AS level

S satisfies the entrance requirements for the degree/diploma named

G satisfies the general entrance requirements as a whole

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International qualifications											
	International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) – grades A to C.	●				Canada	Passes in five acceptable Grade 12 courses, provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those courses.				●
	Advanced International Certificate of Education, provided that a minimum score of 120 points is achieved.				●	British Columbia	Passes in five acceptable subjects in the Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma, provided that not less than grade B is achieved in each of those subjects.				●
	European Baccalaureate.				●	Manitoba	Not less than five credits at the 300 Level in at least four subject areas in the High School Graduation Diploma, provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those subjects.				●
	International Baccalaureate (the Diploma).				●	New Brunswick	Passes in five acceptable subjects in the High School Graduation Diploma, provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those subjects.				●
Algeria	Baccalaureat, provided that a grade of at least Bien is achieved.				●	Newfoundland	Passes in at least five acceptable subjects in the Grade 12 High School Diploma, provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those subjects.				●
Argentina	Bachillerato provided a mark of 7 has been obtained (except for English Language).	●				Nova Scotia	Passes in five acceptable Grade 12 subjects in Honours University Preparatory Courses or in University Preparatory Courses in the High School Completion Certificate, provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those subjects.				●
	Bachillerato Especializado (except for English Language) provided a mark of 7 has been obtained.	●				Ontario	Passes in six Ontario Academic Courses (OACs), provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those courses.				●
Australia	CPA Australia (formerly known as Australian Society of Accountants), Associate membership, having passed all final examinations.				●	Prince Edward Island	Passes in six final year U, UC or M coded courses, provided that at least 70% is achieved				●
	Institute of Chartered Accountants, Membership, having passed all final examinations.				●	Québec	Passes in five acceptable Grade 12 subjects in the High School Graduation Diploma, provided that at least 70% is achieved in each of those subjects.				●
Australian Capitol Territory	Universities Admission Index (UAI) score of 80 or above.				●	Saskatchewan	Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales (DEC) [Diploma of Collegial Studies].				●
New South Wales	Universities Admission Index (UAI) score of 80 or above.				●	China	Senior High School Diploma – passes at a minimum of either 70% or Grade B in the final year of the diploma, on a subject for subject basis, with the exception of English language.		●		
Northern Territory	An Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank of 80 or above.				●	Croatia	Matura.				●
Queensland	An Overall Position (OP) Band score between 1 and 8.				●	Cyprus	Apolytirion, provided that an average mark of at least 17 is achieved.				●
South Australia	An Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank of 80 or above.				●		A diploma awarded by the Higher Technical Institute, provided that it is at least two years full time or four years part time.				●
Tasmania	An Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank of 80 or above.				●	Czech Republic	Maturita.				●
Victoria	An Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank of 80 or above.				●		Maturitna Zjouska.				●
Western Australia	An Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank of 80 or above.				●	Denmark	Højere Forberedelseseksamen.				●
Austria	Maturazeugnis.				●		Studentereksamen.				●
	Reifezeugnis.				●	Egypt	Thanaweya A'ama (General Secondary School Certificate) subjects passed at 70% or better (with the exception of English Language).		●		
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate or Intermediate, subjects passed at 60% or better (with the exception of English Language), or, from 2003 onward, a grade of A- or better	●				Fiji	Fiji Form 7 Examination subjects passed with grades A to C	●			●
Belgium	Bekwaamheidsdiploma.				●	Finland	Studentexamen.				●
	Diplôme d'Aptitude à l'Enseignement Supérieur.				●		Ylioppilastutkinto.				●
	Maturité.				●	France	Baccalaureat d'Enseignement du Second Degré.				●
Bosnia - Herzegovina	Matura.				●		Option Internationale du Baccalaureat (OIB).				●
Brunei	Cambridge/Brunei General Certificate of Education (Grades 1–6).	●									●
	Cambridge/Brunei Advanced Level General Certificate of Education .				●						●
Bulgaria	Matura.				●						●
Cameroon	Cameroon Ordinary Level Certificate of Education (Grades A and B).	●									●
	Cameroon Advanced Level Certificate of Education Grades A-D.				●						●

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Singapore <i>Continued</i>	Singapore/Cambridge Advanced level General Certificate of Education (in and after 1975). <i>[Note: Management of Business is accepted as a pass at GCE A level only if awarded in or after 1987. Passes obtained before 1987 are accepted as equivalent to GCSE/GCE O level].</i>		●			Singapore <i>Continued</i>	Singapore Institute of Management, Diploma in Business Management.				●	
	Diploma, Professional Diploma or Technical Diploma awarded by one of the following institutions, provided that it is at least two years full time or four years part time: Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic or Temasek Polytechnic.				●		Singapore Institute of Management, Diploma in Human Resource Development.				●	
	Nanyang Polytechnic: the following Diplomas satisfy the entrance requirements (including the GCE AS level in Mathematics course requirement) for BSc Computing and Information Systems: Electronics, Computer and Control Engineering; Electronics, Computer and Communications Engineering; Electronics and Computer Engineering; Manufacturing Engineering; Mechatronics Engineering; Multimedia and Infocomm Technology; Multimedia System Engineering.				●		Singapore Institute of Management, Diploma in Management Practice, provided the applicant is at least 19 years on 1 August in the year in which the diploma is awarded.				●	
	FTMS Business School, Diploma in Business Administration – Foundation Stage ✓ also satisfies the course requirement of GCSE/GCE O Level mathematics for the degrees in EMFSS (normally on condition the student has reached the age of 18 years by 31 December in the year in which they register as an External student).	✓			●		Singapore Institute of Management, Diploma in Management Studies.				●	
	Ngee Ann Polytechnic: both the Advanced Diploma in Computer and Communications Systems and the following Diplomas satisfy the entrance requirements (including the GCE AS level in Mathematics course requirement) for BSc Computing and Information Systems: Diploma in Building Services Engineering; Civil and Environmental Engineering; Electronic and Telecomm Engineering; QA Engineering.				●		Singapore Society of Accountants, Membership, having passed all final examinations.				●	
	Singapore Polytechnic: the following Diplomas satisfy the entrance requirements (including the GCE AS level in Mathematics course requirement) for BSc Computing and Information Systems: Civil and Structural Engineering; Computer & Network Technology; Instrumentation and Control Engineering; Materials Engineering; Mechatronics.				●		Stansfield School of Business, Bridging course in Mathematics: ✓ satisfies the requirement of aGCSE/GCE O Level in a mathematical subject only for the degrees in Economics, Management Finance and the Social Sciences (and for the Access route to these degrees).	✓				
	Temasek Polytechnic: the following Diplomas satisfy the entrance requirements (including the GCE AS level in Mathematics course requirement) for BSc Computing and Information Systems: Computer Engineering; Intelligent Building Technology; Mechatronics; Microelectronics; Quality Engineering; Quality Engineering and Management; Telecommunications.				●		Stansfield School of Business Bridging Course in Mathematics passed at 50% or over satisfies the GCE AS level in a mathematical subject course requirement for BSc CIS only (✓ = AS only)	✓				
	A diploma awarded by one of the following institutions, provided that it is at least two years full time or four years part time: the French–Singapore Institute of Electro-Technology; the German–Singapore Institute of Production Technology; the Japanese–Singapore Institute of Software Technology.				●		TMC Computer School, Higher Diploma in Computer Studies. (BSc CIS only)				●	
	Comsertrac Higher Diploma in Computer Studies (BSc CIS only).				●		Slovakia	Maturita.				●
	A teaching certificate awarded by the Institute of Education, provided that it is at least two years full time.				●			Maturitna Skuska.				●
	Ong Teng Cheong Institute of Labour Studies/Singapore Institute of Management Diploma in Employment Relations.				●		Slovenia	Matura.				●
	PSB Academy Advanced Diplomas in Business Studies, Marketing and Sales Management, Quality Management, Human Resource Management and in Commerce.				●			Secondary School Leaving Diploma.				●
	PSB Academy Diplomas in Business Efficiency and Productivity, Business Administration, Management Accounting and Finance and in Human Resource Management providing, normally, that for all diplomas the student is at least 19 years old on 1 August in the year they obtain the diploma and that they obtain an average of not less than C (60%) overall.				●		South Africa	Senior Certificate at Higher Grade, grades A – E	●			
	PSB Academy Bridging Course in Mathematics: satisfies the requirement for a GCSE/O Level in a Mathematical subject only for the degrees in Economics, Finance and Social Sciences (and for the Access route to these degrees).	✓						Senior Certificate at Standard Grade, grades A – D.	●			
Singapore Institute of Banking and Finance, Diploma in Banking and Finance.				●		The South African National Diploma.				●		
Singapore Institute of Labour Studies, Diploma in Industrial Relations.				●		Senior Certificate (with matriculation endorsement) and at least BBBCC at higher grade.				●		
Singapore Institute of Labour Studies/Singapore Institute of Management (SILS/SIM) Diploma in Employment Relations.				●	Spain	Southern African Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Associate Member.				●		
Singapore Institute of Management, Bridging course in Mathematics: ✓ satisfies the requirement of a GCSE/GCE O Level in a mathematical subject only for the Diploma in CIS and degrees in Economics, Management Finance and the Social Sciences (and for the Access route to these degrees).	✓					Curso de Orientación Universitaria (COU), provided that an average mark of at least 6 is achieved.				●		
Singapore Institute of Management, Bridging Course in Mathematics passed at 50% or over, satisfies the GCE AS level in Mathematics course requirement for BSc Computing and Information Systems ✓ = AS level only	✓					Selectividad, provided that an average mark of at least 6 is achieved.				●		
						Bachillerato (LOGSE), provided that an average of 6 is obtained.				●		
						Enseñanzas de Bachillerato, provided that an overall average of B is obtained.				●		
						Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) Ordinary level General Certificate of Education credit and distinction only.	●				
							Sri Lankan A level syllabus in Applied Mathematics or Pure Mathematics passed at grade C or above.			●		
							Sri Lankan A level syllabus in a mathematical subject at 'S' level (for BSc CIS only) ✓ = AS level only	✓				
							Passes in three approved subjects in the Sri Lankan A level Examination provided not less than grade C is achieved in all three subjects. In addition, applicants must possess one GCE O level pass at grade C or above, or the equivalent.				●	
							Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Associate and Graduate Members (by examination).				●	
						Sweden	Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasium.				●	
						Switzerland	Attestato de Maturità.				●	
							Certificat de Maturité.				●	
							Maturitätzeugnis.				●	
						Syria	General Secondary Education Certificate, on a subject for subject basis (with the exception of English Language) provided that a mark of 60% or more has been obtained.	●				
						Tanzania	Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education – principal passes at Grades A–D on a subject for subject basis.			●		
							Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)/Tanzanian O Level, if passed with grades A-B.			●		
						Tunisia	Baccalaureat, provided that a grade of at least Bien is achieved.				●	
						Uganda	Certificate of Education of the Uganda National Examinations Council grades 1–4.		●			
							Advanced Certificate of Education of the Uganda National Examinations Board grade E.		●			
							Advanced Certificate of Education of the Uganda National Examinations Board grades A–D.			●		
						United Kingdom	Scottish Certificate of Education Standard grade: Grades 1, 2, 3.		●			
							Scottish Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS), or Advanced Higher, in combination with a Higher grade pass in the same subject.			●		

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United Kingdom Continued	Scottish Certificate of Education, provided that passes in five approved subjects at the Higher Level have been obtained with not less than grade B in one of those subjects and not less than grade C in the remaining four.				●	United Kingdom Continued	University of Wales College of Cardiff, Continuing Education Diplomas, provided that the applicant is at least 21 years old at the time of making the application.				●	
	The following University of London Intermediate Certificates:						University of Westminster (Polytechnic of Central London), Diploma in Magisterial Law, provided that the applicant is at least 21 years old at the time of making the application.				●	
	School of Oriental and African Studies Intermediate Certificate in Comparative International Studies, provided that in every case the compulsory module in Intensive English for Academic Study has been passed.				●		The following awards of the Business and Technician Education Council (BTEC):					
	UCL University Preparatory Certificate for Science and Engineering.				●		Advanced General National Vocational Qualification (Advanced GNVO), passed at Merit or Distinction.					●
	The following University of London qualifications:						BTEC Business awards, provided that the candidate has obtained a minimum of two Bs and a C in three acceptable subjects in the final examinations.					●
	Diploma in Computing and Information Systems for External students.				●		Higher National Certificate or Higher National Diploma (HNC or HND).					●
	Diploma in Law for External students.				●		National Certificate or National Diploma (NC or ND), provided that the candidate has achieved passes at Merit level in at least three full units in acceptable subjects.					●
	Diploma in English for External students.				●		Ordinary National Certificate or Ordinary National Diploma (ONC or OND), provided that the average performance in at least three of the subjects taken in the final examination is 60% or better and that these subjects are considered acceptable by the University.					●
	Diploma in Geography for External students.				●		BTEC Technician awards, provided that passes have been obtained in three full units in acceptable subjects at Level III; at least two of the passes must have been obtained with Merit.					●
	Diploma in Philosophy for External students.				●		The following professional qualifications:					
	Diploma in Theology for External students.				●		Architectural Association Diploma.					●
	Diploma in Economics for External students.				●		Barristers of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.					●
	Diploma in Economics for External students, provided either Mathematics or Quantitative methods has been passed (satisfies the GCE AS level in a mathematical subject for the BSc in Computing and Information Systems only.)				●		British Institute of Management, Diploma in Management Practice, provided that candidates with this qualification also hold the Open University Diploma in Management.					●
	Birkbeck College Faculty of Continuing Education Certificate or Diploma (other than a Certificate of Proficiency) provided that, in all cases except the Extra-Mural Diploma in Economics, the candidate is at least 21 years old at the time of making the application.				●		Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (CCETSW): Certificate of Qualification in Social Work: Diploma in Social Work.					●
	Goldsmiths College, Certificate in English and Caribbean Studies (satisfies the entrance requirements for the Diploma in English only).				●		Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, Associate Member.					●
	King's College, Preparatory Diploma in English Language and Academic Studies.				●		Chartered Institute of Bankers, Associate Member.					●
	Royal Holloway, University Foundation Programme.				●		Chartered Institute of Building, Membership examination Part II.					●
	The following awards of other universities or organisations:						Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, Associate Member.					●
	A Certificate or Diploma awarded by a recognised institution of Higher Education in the UK after a course of study of not less than two years full time.				●		Chartered Institute of Marketing Professional Diploma or Professional Postgraduate Diploma					●
	A degree conferred either by a University acceptable to the University of London or by the Council for National Academic Awards.				●		Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Member.					●
	A Diploma of Higher Education awarded by either a University in the United Kingdom or the Council for National Academic Awards.				●		Chartered Institute of Transport, Corporate Member (FCIT or MCIT).					●
	An Access to HE Certificate awarded by an Authorised Validating Agency (AVA) recognised by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)				●		Chartered Insurance Institute, Associate Member.					●
	A Teacher's Certificate gained in or after 1962 at a College of Education in England or Wales, after a three-year course of study, or gained in or after 1950 at a College of Education in Scotland or Northern Ireland, after a three-year course of study.				●		City and Guilds of London Institute, Graduateship, Membership and Fellowship.					●
	Bellerbys College Foundation Business Programme, passed overall and with a pass in Business Mathematics, will satisfy the entrance requirements and the mathematics course requirement for degrees in Economics, Management, Finance and Social Studies providing that at least 60% is awarded in both Economics 1 and in Business Studies 1 together with at least 55% in Business Studies 2, Economics 2 and Introduction to Financial Accounting (Accounts). Applicants are also required to satisfy the University requirement to demonstrate Proficiency in English.				●		College of Preceptors, Licentiate or Fellowship awarded by having passed all final examinations.					●
	University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, Cambridge Diploma in Religious Studies.				●		College of Radiographers, Diploma (DCR).					●
	Higher Introductory and Engineering Conversion Course (HITECC), with a pass at Higher Level.				●		Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors, Membership, having passed intermediate and final examinations.					●
	Northern Consortium UK International Foundation Year (China syllabus) awarded in and after June 2004, satisfies the General Entrance Requirements providing that at least 200 IFY points have been obtained and that the module English for Academic Purposes is passed with at least grade C. In order to satisfy a requirement for GCSE/O Level Mathematics at least one Mathematics unit must be passed with grade C or better. Either the Mathematics unit in the Science & Technology route, if passed at grade C or better, or the Mathematics unit in the Business and Management route, if passed with grade B or better, will satisfy a requirement for AS Mathematics for entry to BSc CIS. ✓ = AS level only	●	✓		●		Institute of Actuaries, Associate Member.					●
	Open University, two full credits gained by course work and examination, one at Foundation Level and one at a Higher Level (mature age candidates may apply on the basis of one full credit at any Level).				●		Institute of Administrative Management, Diploma in Administrative Management (prior to 1995) and the Advanced Diploma in Administrative Management (in and after 1995).					●
							Institute of Bankers, Ireland, Associate Member.					●
							Institute of Bankers, Scotland, Associate Member.					●
					Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Associate Member.					●		
					Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ireland, Associate Member.					●		
					Institute of Chartered Accountants, Scotland, Member.					●		
					Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Associate and Graduate Member and Fellow.					●		
					Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, Members and Fellows, having passed the qualifying examinations.					●		
					Institute of Credit Management, Member, having passed the final examinations.					●		
					Institute of Health Service Management (formally Institute of National Health Administration), Associate Member.					●		
					Institute of Housing, Corporate Member.					●		

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United Kingdom <i>Continued</i>	Institute of Legal Executives, Member, having passed the Level 6 Professional Higher Diploma in Law (previously known as the Part II and Level 4 examinations).				●
	Institute of Management Information Systems (formerly IDPM), Higher Diploma (satisfies the entrance requirements for BSc CIS only).			●	
	Institute of Personnel Management, Graduate Member.				●
	Institute of Statisticians, Graduate Diploma.				●
	Institute of Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineers, Associate and Graduate Members.				●
	Library Association, Chartered Member (Associate or Fellow).				●
	Licensed Conveyancer, provided that all three examination stages have been passed.				●
	Ministers of Religion trained in the UK (Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic, United Reform).				●
	NCC Education International Diploma in Computer Studies (IDCS) (satisfies the entrance requirements for the Diploma in Computing and Information Systems, excluding the English language requirement).			●	
	NCC Education, International Advanced Diploma in Computer Studies (IADCS) (satisfies the entrance requirement for BSc CIS only).			●	
	Pensions Management Institute, Associateship.				●
	Royal Institute of British Architects, Corporate Member.				●
	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Professional Associate.				●
	Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Member.				●
	Society of Engineers, Corporate Member.				●
Solicitors of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.				●	
USA	Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations of the American College Board, provided that at least two full subjects are passed at grades 3, 4 or 5 (with the exception of Studio Art).				●
	AP International Diploma.				●
West Africa	West African Ordinary level General Certificate of Education (grades 1–6).	●			
	Ghana Senior School Certificate (grades A, B and C).	●			
	West African Higher School Certificate.			●	
	West African Advanced level General Certificate. <i>[Note: a pass at grades A–C in the General Paper is recognised as equivalent to a grade C at GCSE/GCE O level].</i>			●	
West Indies	Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (Grades I and II at General Proficiency level only, up to and including January 1998).	●			
	Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (Grades I and II and III at General Proficiency level only, in and after June 1998).	●			
	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination Diploma (CAPE) – Full award of six units <i>including</i> two double-unit courses.				●
	Bahamian General Certificate of Education, Ordinary levels.	●			
	Bahamian General Certificate of Education, Advanced levels.		●		
	Bahamas Bar Association, Membership, having passed all final examinations.				●
	Barbados Community College: Certificate in Para Legal Studies, provided that at least two subjects are passed at grade B or above.				●
	Barbados Community College, Associate degrees.				●
	Bermuda College, Associate degrees.				●
	A diploma awarded by the College of Arts, Science and Technology, Jamaica after a three year full time course.				●
	College of the Bahamas: Associate degrees (although grades may be taken into account).				●
University of Technology, Jamaica: diplomas provided they are at least two years full time or four years part time				●	