

Academic Entry for International Students

BACHELOR DEGREES



HOW SCORES ARE CALCULATED

GLOBAL

GCE A-Levels

Scores for the United Kingdom and international versions of the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examinations (GCE A-Levels) are calculated based on the aggregate of the three best A-level subjects using the following conversions: A* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1. At least two subjects must have been taken in the same academic year, and the third may be from the preceding or following academic year.

Both the United Kingdom and international versions of the GCE A-Levels administered by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA), Oxford International AQA Examinations, Pearson Education International (Edexcel) and WJEC are assessed using these tables. Locally administered O-Level and A-Level examinations for Singapore, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe are assessed using their own separate tables.

GLOBAL

International Baccalaureate

Scores for the International Baccalaureate (IB) are calculated based on the final aggregate result for six subjects, including any bonus points from Theory of Knowledge subject and Extended Essay. This must include one subject from each of Groups 1–5 (Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, and Mathematics) and a sixth subject from either Group 6 (Arts) or a second selection from Groups 1–5. A minimum of three subjects must be completed at Higher Level (HL), with the remainder at Standard Level (SL).

AUSTRALIA

HSC or equivalent

Scores for the Australian High School Certificate (HSC) from New South Wales (or equivalent qualifications from other state boards) are based on the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

AUSTRALIA

Australian Foundation

Scores for Australian Foundation programs recognised by Macquarie University are calculated based on the overall final result out of 10.0 or by converting percentage marks to a 10-point scale. For entry to some degree programs, students may need to have successfully completed suitable Mathematics or other specified subjects as part of their foundation program.

Accepted foundation programs include:

- Macquarie University Standard Foundation Program or Intensive Program⁴
- Australian National University College Foundation Studies Program
- Monash University Foundation Year
- University of Adelaide College Foundation Studies
- University of Melbourne – Trinity College Foundation Studies
- University of Queensland – IES College Foundation Year
- University of Sydney – Taylors College Foundation Program
- University of Western Australia – Taylors College Perth Foundation Program
- University of New South Wales Global Foundation Program (Standard and Transition)
- University of Technology Sydney:INSEARCH Foundation Studies Program
- Western Australian Universities' (TISC) Foundation Program.

⁴See mq.edu.au/study/find-a-course for required scores to articulate to degree programs.

CANADA

AHSD

Scores for the Canadian Alberta High School Diploma (AHSD) are calculated as an average of the final official mark for the best four examined Level 30 subjects including English Language Arts 30.

CANADA

BCCG

Scores for the Canadian British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (BCCG) are calculated as an average of final marks of the four best Grade 12 Ministry-developed subjects including English 12.

CANADA

OSSD

Scores for the Canadian Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) are calculated as an average of the six best Grade 12 subjects including English - ENG4U. Subjects must be designated with a U (university preparation), M (university/college preparation) or Z (university-delivered dual credit).

CHINA

Gao Kao

Scores are based on the final Chinese National Entrance Examination (Gao Kao) score out of 750. Total scores and requirements are different for three provinces: Hainan, Jiangsu and Shanghai.

DENMARK

Danish USSE

Scores for the Danish Upper Secondary School Examination Certificate (USSE) are based on the final examination result of the Studentereksamen (STX) or Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF).

EUROPE

European Baccalaureate

Scores for the European Baccalaureate (EB) are based on the overall grade for all subjects reported on the final official result certificate.

FIJI

Fijian Year 13 Certificate

Scores for the Fijian Year 13 Certificate are based on the aggregate scores for the four best subjects including English. Subject grades are converted as A = 80, B = 65, C = 50 or 1–2 = 80, 3–4 = 65, 5–6 = 50.

FINLAND

Finnish Matriculation Examination Certificate

Scores for the Finnish Matriculation Examination Certificate are calculated based on the average score of the four best subjects using the following conversions: laudatur = 7, eximia cum laude approbatur = 6, magna cum laude approbatur = 5, cum laude approbatur = 4, lubenter approbatur = 3, approbatur = 2, improbatur (fail) = 0.

FRANCE AND OTHER

French Baccalaureate

Scores are calculated based on the overall grade in the Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général (French Baccalaureate).

GERMANY

Abitur/Fachhochschulreife

Scores are calculated based on the overall grade average (Durchschnittsnote) of the Abitur or Fachhochschulreife.

GREECE

Vevaiosi Prosvasis

Scores for the Greek Vevaiosi Prosvasis (Certificate of Access) examinations are based on the General Admission Grade (out of 20) for all subjects.

HONG KONG

HKDSE

Scores for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) are calculated based on the aggregate of the five best Category A and C subjects. Category B subjects are not considered.

Category A (Senior Secondary) subjects include the four compulsory core subjects (Chinese, English, Liberal Studies and Mathematics) and a choice of elective subjects. Category B subjects are Applied Learning electives and Category C subjects are for Other Languages (French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Hindi and Urdu).

Points for all subjects are calculated using the following score conversions: 5*/5* = 6, 5 = 5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1.

HUNGARY

Hungarian Matriculation Certificate

Scores for the Hungarian Matriculation Certificate (Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány) are calculated based on the overall average grade on the examination results using the following conversions: Excellent/Very Good (Jeles) = 5, Good (Jó) = 4, Fair/Average (Közepes) = 3, Satisfactory/Pass (Elégéséges) = 2, Fail (Élégtelen) = 1.

INDIA

AISSC

Scores for the All India Senior School Certificate (AISSC) awarded by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are calculated based on the average marks of the best four externally examined academic subjects.

INDIA

HSSC

Scores for the Indian Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) from state boards are calculated based on the average marks for all subjects.

INDIA

ISC

Scores for the Indian School Certificate (ISC) awarded by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) are calculated based on the average marks for English and the three best academic elective subjects.

INDONESIA

SMA3

Scores for the Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA) are calculated based on the average of the final marks (out of 100) of all Grade 12 subjects.

IRELAND

Leaving Certificate

Scores for the Irish Leaving Certificate (Ardeistiméireacht) are calculated based on an aggregate of the six best subjects, including a minimum of four higher-level subjects. Grades are converted using the following system: Higher-level subjects A1 = 100, A2 = 90, B1 = 85, B2 = 80, B3 = 75, C1 = 70, C2 = 65, C3 = 60, D1 = 55, D2 = 50 and D3 = 45; Ordinary level subjects A1 = 60, A2 = 50, B1 = 45, B2 = 40, B3 = 35, C1 = 30 and C2 = 25.

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ISRAEL

Teudat Bagrut

Scores for the Israeli Matriculation Certificate (Teudat Bagrut) are calculated based on the average of all subjects. Grades are calculated using the following conversions: 95–100 = 10, 85–94 = 9, 75–84 = 8, 65–74 = 7, 55–64 = 6, 45–54 = 5, 0–44 = 4.

ITALY

Esame di Stato

Scores for the Italian High School State Exam (Esame di Stato) are calculated using the overall grade out of 100. Only the Classical, Scientific and Foreign Languages (classica, scientifica and linguistica) options are accepted.

JAPAN

Common Test for University Admissions

Scores for the Common Test for University Admissions [prior to 2021 known as the Japanese National Center Test (大学入試センター試験)] are calculated using the average of the 7 best subjects' Hensachi scores. The Center Test results are considered together with evidence of successful completion of the Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho or 高等学校卒業証書).

KENYA

KCSE

Scores for the Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) are calculated based on the aggregate score of the best seven subjects using the following conversions: A = 12, A- = 11, B+ = 10, B = 9, B- = 8, C+ = 7, C = 6, C- = 5, D+ = 4, D = 3, D- = 2, E = 1.

LEBANON

Baccalauréat Libanais

Scores for the Baccalauréat Libanais (Lebanese General Secondary Certificate or **دبلوم ثانوي**) are calculated out of 20 based on the overall grade for all subjects (ie marks achieved/maximum marks 20).

MALAYSIA

Matrikulasi

Scores are based on the completed Malaysian Matrikulasi Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) using the following scoring system: A = 4.0, A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.33, B = 3.0, B- = 2.67, C+ = 2.33, C = 2.0, C- = 1.67, D+ = 1.33, D = 1.0, F = 0.0.

MALAYSIA

STPM

Scores for the Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) are calculated based on the aggregate of the est three or four subjects out of a possible five subjects. Scores are calculated using the following conversions: A = 7, A- = 6, B+ = 5, B = 4, B- = 3, C+ = 2, C = 1, C- = 0, D+ = 0, D = 0, F = 0.

MALAYSIA

UEC

Scores for the Malaysian Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) are calculated based on the average of the four compulsory subjects (Chinese, Malay, English and Mathematics) and the best four other subjects using the following conversions: A1 = 1, A2 = 2, B3 = 3, B4 = 4, B5 = 5, B6 = 6, C7 = 7, C8 = 8, F9 = 9.

NEPAL

HSEC

Scores for the Nepalese Higher Secondary Education Certificate (HSEC) awarded by the Higher Secondary Education Board from 2018 are calculated based on the cumulative GPA (CGPA) of all Year 11 and 12 subjects.

NORWAY

USSE

Scores for the Upper Secondary School Examination Certificate (USSE) are calculated based on the average grade for all subjects. This assessment only applies for the Vitnemål fra den videregående skole, Vitnemål for videregående opplæring or Examen Artium.

PHILIPPINES

High School Diploma

Scores for the Filipino High School Diploma (HSD) are based on the average marks of all Year 12 subjects. Assessment for bachelor entry applies to selected schools only.

SCOTLAND

Scottish National Courses

Scores for the Scottish National Courses are calculated based on the aggregate score of the best four Higher and Advanced Higher-Level courses using the following conversions: Higher Level: A=3, B=2, C=1, D=0; Advanced Higher Level: A=5.5, B=4.5, C=3.5, D=2.5.

SINGAPORE

Singapore A-Levels

Scores for the Singapore-Cambridge Advanced Level Examinations (Singapore A-Levels) are calculated based on the aggregate of a maximum of the three best H1 subjects, the three best H2 subjects and the best H3 subject using the following conversions: H1 subjects: A = 2.5, B = 2, C = 1.5, D = 1, E = 0.5; H2 subjects: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1; H3 subjects: Distinction = 2.5, Merit = 1.5, Pass = 1. Up to one additional H2 or H3 subject may be taken into account for some applicants.

SOUTH AFRICA

NSC

Scores for the South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) are calculated using the average grade of the best four examination subjects, excluding Life Orientation. Candidates must have been awarded the NSC and met the minimum requirements for admission to higher education in South Africa.

SOUTH KOREA

CSAT

Scores for the Korean College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) are calculated based on the sum of the Stanine/Grades for either (a) Mathematics and the best two other subjects if the intended Macquarie degree program requires an assumed knowledge of Mathematics, or (b) the three best subjects. Only the following subjects are considered: Language Arts (Korean), English, Investigation subjects (Social Studies or Science options only) and Second Foreign Language subjects. CSAT results must be accompanied by evidence of successful completion of senior secondary studies.

SRI LANKA

Sri Lankan A-Levels

Scores for the Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examinations (Sri Lanka A-Levels) are calculated on the basis of the best three subjects using the following conversions: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, S = 1, F = 0.

SWEDEN

Slutbetyg

Scores for the Swedish Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskolan) are based on the average grade for all subjects using the following conversions: A = 20, B = 17.5, C = 15, D = 12.5, E = 10, F = 0.

SWITZERLAND

Swiss Federal Maturity Certificate

Scores for the Swiss Federal Maturity Certificate are calculated based on the aggregate score for all 12 subjects and the Maturity Project.

TAIWAN

GSAT

Scores for the Taiwanese General Scholastic Aptitude Test (GSAT) are calculated based on the total score of the best four examined subjects: Chinese, English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. GSAT results must be accompanied by evidence of successful completion of senior secondary studies.

TANZANIA

ACSE

Scores for the Tanzanian Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (ACSE) are calculated based on the aggregate of the best four subjects at Advanced (A2) or Principal Level using the following conversions: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1.

THAILAND

Mathayom 6

Scores for the Mathayom 6 are calculated based on the weighted average (out of 4.0) of all Grade 12 subjects.

UGANDA

ACE

Scores for the Ugandan Advanced Certificate of Education (ACE) are calculated based on the aggregate of the best four subjects at Advanced (A2) or Principal Level using the following conversions: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1.

UNITED STATES

ACT

Scores are calculated based on the American College Test (ACT) composite score out of a maximum of 36. The ACT is only considered together with evidence of successful completion of an accepted senior high school qualification, as determined by Macquarie University.

Applicants who have completed Advanced Placement (AP) subjects may be considered for credit towards the first year of study at Macquarie.

UNITED STATES

SAT (from 2016)

Scores are calculated based on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) total score out of a maximum of 1600. The SAT is only considered together with evidence of successful completion of an accepted senior high school qualification, as determined by Macquarie University.

Applicants who have completed Advanced Placement (AP) subjects may be considered for credit towards the first year of study at Macquarie.

VIETNAM

Upper Secondary Diploma

Scores are calculated based on the average of all Grade 12 subjects from the Vietnamese Upper Secondary Education Graduation Diploma (Bang Tot nghiep Trung hoc Pho thong). Assessment for bachelor entry applies to selected schools only.

ZIMBABWE

ZIMSEC A-Levels

Scores for the Zimbabwean ZIMSEC General Certificate of Education Advanced Levels are calculated based on the aggregate of the best four subjects at Advanced (A2) or Principal Level using the following conversions: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1.



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