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**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND**

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and  
REGISTRATION (MATRICULATION) REQUIREMENTS  
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# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

## *Ollscoil na hÉireann*

The National University of Ireland was established by the Irish Universities Act, 1908. It was re-structured under the Universities Act, 1997, and now comprises four Constituent Universities, five Recognised Colleges and one College of a Constituent University. The Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges are set out below.

### **1.1 The NUI Constituent Universities are:**

University College Dublin-National University of Ireland, Dublin

University College Cork-National University of Ireland, Cork

National University of Ireland, Galway

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

### **1.2 The NUI Recognised Colleges are:**

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

National College of Art and Design

Shannon College of Hotel Management

Institute of Public Administration

Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy

### **1.2a College of a Constituent University**

*St. Angela's College, Sligo (College of NUI, Galway)*

### **1.3 Age at Entry to a Constituent University or Recognised College**

Students must normally have attained the age of seventeen years by 15th January following entry to a Constituent University or Recognised College of the University. Where a candidate below that age seeks to enter a Constituent University or Recognised College, special application must be made to the President/Director of the institution concerned.

### **1.4 Limitation of Entry to Faculties**

As admission to most Faculties in the Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges is competitive, intending students should obtain from the Admissions Office of the College concerned a copy of the admission requirements and procedures. Fulfilling minimum Matriculation requirements does not ensure that students will be accepted automatically into any Constituent University or Recognised College of NUI or meet the entry requirements for any particular course.

**Note:** *The faculties referred to in this booklet, in relation to matriculation requirements, are as provided in NUI Statutes. Changes in Faculty structures in the Constituent Universities do not affect matriculation requirements.*

## FACULTIES/COLLEGES OF THE CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES AND RECOGNISED COLLEGES AND COURSES TO WHICH THE REGULATIONS APPLY

- 2.1 University College Dublin-National University of Ireland, Dublin**  
Colleges of: Arts & Celtic Studies; Business & Law; Engineering, Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Human Sciences; Life Sciences
- 2.2 University College Cork-National University of Ireland, Cork**  
Colleges of: Arts, Celtic Studies & Social Sciences; Business & Law; Medicine & Health; Science, Engineering & Food Science
- 2.3 National University of Ireland, Galway**  
Faculties of: Arts; Celtic Studies; Commerce; Engineering; Law; Medicine & Health Sciences; Science
- 2.4 National University of Ireland, Maynooth**  
Faculties of: Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy; Social Sciences; Science and Engineering
- 2.5 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**  
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Medicine and related Medical Sciences
- 2.6 National College of Art and Design**  
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Fine Art, Design and Art and Design Education
- 2.7 Shannon College of Hotel Management**  
Undergraduate courses in the Faculty of Commerce
- 2.8 Institute of Public Administration**  
Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in the Faculties of Arts and Commerce
- 2.9 Milltown Institute**  
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Theology, Philosophy and Spirituality
- 2.10 St. Angela's College, Sligo (College of NUI, Galway)**  
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the Faculty of Arts and in Nursing

## EXAMINATIONS AND SUBJECTS ACCEPTED FOR MATRICULATION REGISTRATION PURPOSES

Students may satisfy Matriculation Registration requirements as follows:

### 3.1 On the results of the Leaving Certificate examination:

All subjects of the Leaving Certificate Examination are accepted for Matriculation Regulation purposes, with the following exceptions and qualifications:

- (i) Gaeilge - Bonnleibhéal (Irish – Foundation Level) will not be accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes;
- (ii) Mathematics (Ordinary Alternative; Foundation Level) will be accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes, but not as a substitute for the subject Mathematics in faculties or courses for which the subject Mathematics is currently an entry requirement;
- (iii) Home Economics (General) (discontinued after 2003) is recognised only for the BEd degree in St. Angela's College of Education, Sligo.

Combination of Leaving Certificate results for Matriculation Registration purposes

An applicant may combine the results of Leaving Certificate Examinations obtained in different years for Matriculation Registration purposes. (This concession applies to Matriculation Registration only; it does not necessarily apply to the admission requirements of the Constituent Universities or Recognised Colleges.)

Combination of subjects not permitted

- The subject Physics and Chemistry may not be presented with either Physics or Chemistry.
- Only two of the following subjects may be presented: History, Economic History (not available after 2005), Economics.
- Music and Musicianship (now no longer provided) may not be presented with Music.
- Agricultural Economics may not be presented with Economics.
- Classical Studies may not be presented with Latin or Greek.

**N.B.** *The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not an acceptable qualification for matriculation purposes.*



### **3.2 On the results of GCE and GCSE examinations**

An applicant may combine the results of GCE/GCSE Examinations results obtained in different years, for Matriculation purposes. (This concession applies to Matriculation Registration only; it does not necessarily apply to the admission requirements of the Constituent Universities or Recognised Colleges.)

#### **Acceptance of GCE and GCSE subjects for Matriculation Registration purposes**

Certain restrictions apply in relation to the combination of GCE and GCSE subjects for matriculation purposes and not all GCE and GCSE subjects are accepted. For further information and the list of the GCE and GCSE subjects acceptable for matriculation consult the NUI website *www.nui.ie*. Students intending to present a subject not included in the list are advised to contact NUI or the Admissions Office of the Constituent University or Recognised College to which they are applying.

### **3.3 On joint results**

*On the joint results of the Leaving Certificate and Matriculation (up to and including the Matriculation examination of 1992)*

An applicant may combine the results obtained at the Leaving Certificate and Matriculation (up to and including 1992) Examinations, provided the required two Grade C3s are obtained in two different subjects, and also that the Grade C3 requirement at Leaving Certificate is obtained at the Higher Level. The two examinations need not necessarily be passed in the same year for Matriculation Registration purposes.

*On the joint results of GCE and GCSE and Matriculation examinations (up to and including the Matriculation examination of 1992)*

The combination of joint results will be accepted on the same general conditions as for Matriculation Registration on the joint results of the Leaving Certificate and Matriculation examinations.

The results of Leaving Certificate and GCE and GCSE Examinations may not be combined for Matriculation Registration purposes, except in the circumstances set out in section 6.3. In certain circumstances, candidates may combine the results of Junior Certificate with GCE/GCSE for matriculation purposes. Candidates wishing to so do should contact NUI in the first instance.

### **3.4 On the results of other examinations**

A list of European and international qualifications accepted for Matriculation purposes with information on the requirements for matriculation relating to each is contained in the Appendix. Students wishing to complete Matriculation Registration on the results of these examinations should contact, in the first instance, the Admissions Office of the Constituent University or Recognised College they wish to enter. The subjects passed and standards obtained must be in accordance with the faculty requirements set out in Section 4. Holders of other qualifications not listed should also make contact with the Admissions Office of the NUI institution they wish to enter. See also Section 5.4 in connection with the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the Irish language requirement.

## FACULTY/COLLEGE MATRICULATION (MINIMUM ENTRY) REQUIREMENTS

**Note:** *The faculties referred to in this booklet, in relation to matriculation requirements, are as provided in NUI Statutes. Changes in Faculty structures in the Constituent Universities do not affect matriculation requirements.*

### 4.1 Faculty/College of:

- **Arts**
- **Human Sciences**
- **Philosophy**
- **Celtic Studies**
- **Law**
- **Social Science**
  - (i) Irish
  - (ii) English
  - (iii) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
  - (iv), (v) and (vi) Any three Matriculation subjects not already selected
- **Commerce**
  - (i) Irish
  - (ii) English
  - (iii) Mathematics
  - (iv) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
  - (v), (vi) Any two other subjects accepted for Matriculation purposes
- **Science**
- **Food Science and Technology**
- **Medicine (including Dentistry)**
- **Engineering and Architecture**
- **Veterinary Medicine**
- **Agriculture**
  - (i) Irish
  - (ii) English
  - (iii) Mathematics
  - (iv) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes

- (v) A Laboratory Science subject  
***The Laboratory Science subjects are:  
Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics-with-Chemistry,  
Agricultural Science***
- (vi) Any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes

### **Notes**

- For entry to the Faculty of Engineering in NUI, Maynooth and to the Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Agricultural Science degrees in UCD–NUI, Dublin any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes may be substituted for the Third Language.
- Art is acceptable in place of the Third Language for students entering the National College of Art and Design.
- For entry to Nursing, the Faculty Matriculation requirements are those of the Faculty of Medicine. However, any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes may be substituted for the Third Language.
- Home Economics (General) (discontinued after 2003) is acceptable as a Matriculation Registration subject for students entering the BEd degree in St. Angela’s College, Sligo, where Mathematics is an essential Matriculation subject.
- Students from outside the European Union presenting the results of examinations other than those of the European Union countries may substitute two recognised subjects for (a) Irish and (b) the language other than English.
- Students are advised to consult Constituent University or Recognised College admissions literature for details of specific subject/course requirements.

## **4.2 Standard required**

### **Leaving Certificate examination**

Candidates must obtain a pass in at least six subjects selected according to faculty requirements, as set out in 4.1 above, with at least Grade C3 in two subjects on the Higher Course and at least Grade D3 (Ordinary or Higher Course) in four subjects.

One Grade E on a Higher Course at Leaving Certificate will be accepted if the candidate has among his/her other subjects three Grade C3 awards on Higher Course Papers or at least one Grade B3 and one Grade C3 on Higher Course Papers at Leaving Certificate or the equivalent Grades at the Matriculation examination (up to and including Matriculation examination of 1992), or on the joint results of both examinations.

## **GCE/GCSE examinations**

Candidates must obtain a pass in at least six subjects, in accordance with faculty requirements as set out in Section 4.1 and obtain the following:

- **GCE Advanced Level**

At least Grade C in two recognised subjects (Grade A with Grade D or Grade E, or Grade B with Grade D are considered the equivalent of two Grade Cs).

- **GCE AS Level/GCSE Level**

At least Grade C in four recognised subjects (GCE Advanced Level grades A to D, E or O are accepted as GCSE O Level Pass grades).

## **Other Examinations**

The subjects passed and standard attained must be in accordance with the Faculty/College requirements set out above. (See Appendix for a list of European and International qualifications accepted for Matriculation purposes). Further information on the grades needed to satisfy Matriculation requirements is available from Admissions Offices. Holders of other qualifications not listed should make contact with the Admissions Office of the NUI institution they wish to enter. See also Section 5.4 in connection with the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the Irish Language requirement.

## THE IRISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

### 5.1 The basic requirement with regard to Irish

Candidates born in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) must pass Irish in the Leaving Certificate or GCE/GCSE Examinations. This requirement applies whether the candidate is presenting the Leaving Certificate or another examination for Matriculation, unless one of the conditions for an exemption, as set out at 5.3 below, is satisfied.

### 5.2 Exemption from Irish for candidates born in Northern Ireland/United Kingdom

Candidates from Northern Ireland/United Kingdom presenting GCE/GCSE qualifications will automatically be granted exemption from Irish. It is not necessary for them to apply to NUI.

### 5.3 Other exemptions from Irish

The following candidates may claim exemption from the requirement of presenting Irish for Matriculation Registration purposes:

**(i) Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties);**

Candidates (apart from those born in Northern Ireland/United Kingdom as referred to at 5.2) are required to submit a copy of their birth certificate to NUI for verification;

**(ii) Candidates born in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) but,**

- whose **primary education up to the age of eleven years** was outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties); or
- who **resided outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties)** during at least three years immediately preceding their becoming eligible for Matriculation (see Section 1.3) ; or
- whose **post-primary education in the three years immediately preceding** their becoming eligible for Matriculation (see Section 1.3) took place outside of the Republic of Ireland (26 counties);

**N.B.** *In all of these cases, a Declaration by the Head of the School attended must be lodged. The required Form of Declaration for this purpose may be obtained from the National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, or may be downloaded from the NUI website [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie).*

**(iii) Candidates submitting a Certificate of Exemption from Irish in accordance with the Department of Education revision of Rule 46 'Rules and Programmes for Secondary Schools' in relation to exemption from Irish (Circular letter M10/94);**

Any candidate who is granted exemption from Irish on this ground and who intends applying for a place in a Constituent University or Recognised College, is required to forward to the National University of Ireland, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption, signed by the school manager/principal and accompanied by relevant supporting documentation, viz. the professional psychologist's report. Where the candidate intends to present another language (apart from English) as a Leaving Certificate subject, the rationale for presenting the other language, while seeking exemption from Irish, must be set out clearly with the application for exemption.

Candidates granted exemption from Irish in accordance with this provision will also be granted exemption from the third language requirement.

**5.4 It should be noted that:**

- Candidates who are exempted from Irish may present, as their sixth subject, any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes.
- Candidates from outside the European Union presenting the results of examinations other than those of the European Union countries may substitute another recognised subject for Irish.
- Candidates from **outside the Republic of Ireland** (26 counties) who have been **granted exemption in Irish**, may nevertheless present Irish as a subject for Matriculation to fulfil the requirement to present a language other than English. (This provision is relevant to students from Northern Ireland, and to other students born outside Ireland who present Irish as a Leaving Certificate, GCE or GCSE subject.)
- Candidates presenting the International Baccalaureate Diploma for Matriculation, and whose primary and post-primary education has been in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties), will satisfy the Irish language requirement by presenting a pass in Irish in the Leaving Certificate.

## THE THIRD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

**6.1** As indicated at Section 4.1, all candidates are required to present, in addition to Irish and English, a Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes with the following exceptions:

- (i) Students entering the Faculty of Engineering in NUI, Maynooth or the Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Agricultural Science degrees in UCD–NUI, Dublin may substitute any other recognised subject for the Third Language;
- (ii) Students entering courses in Nursing may substitute any other recognised subject for the Third Language;
- (iii) Students entering NCAD may present the subject Art in place of the Third Language;
- (iv) Students from outside the European Union presenting the results of examinations other than those of the European Union countries may substitute another recognised subject for the Third Language (See Section 5.4);
- (v) Students from outside Ireland may present Irish as a Matriculation subject. (See Section 5.4). This provision is relevant to students from Northern Ireland, and also to students from outside Ireland presenting Irish as a Leaving Certificate, GCE or GCSE subject;
- (vi) Hearing-impaired students (See Section 8).

### **6.2 Students with Dyslexic Conditions**

The NUI is also prepared to consider applications seeking exemption from the third language requirement from students who are certified by a qualified professional as having a dyslexic condition causing such a learning difficulty in relation to language acquisition as to warrant exemption. Such applications are considered on an individual basis and may be presented to the University at any stage following completion of the Junior Certificate. Applications must be accompanied by a School Record Form completed by the Head of the School attended and a Certification Form completed by a qualified Professional. These forms are available from the National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, or may be downloaded from the NUI website [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie).



The NUI has been influenced by the Association for Higher Education Access and Disability (AHEAD) in accepting the following definition of dyslexia:

*Dyslexia is one of several distinct learning disabilities. It is a specific language-based disorder of constitutional origin characterised by disabilities in single word decoding, usually reflecting insufficient phonological processing.*

*These difficulties in single word decoding are often unexpected in relation to age and other cognitive abilities; they are not the result of generalised developmental disability or sensory impairment.*

*Dyslexia is manifest by variable difficulty with different forms of language, often including, in addition to problems with reading, a conspicuous problem with acquiring proficiency in writing and spelling.*

### **6.3 Students from outside the European Union presenting the Leaving Certificate**

The following special arrangements apply in the case of students from outside the European Union whose first language is a language other than English and who present the Leaving Certificate for Matriculation purposes. In general, such candidates will be required to present a language other than English for Matriculation.

Candidates in this situation may present a language in the Leaving Certificate or alternative certification in a language, acceptable to the University. For example, examinations in non-European Union languages available at GCE/GCSE levels will be accepted as meeting this language requirement. In these circumstances, it is permissible for candidates to combine the results of the Leaving Certificate with the language result in the GCE/GCSE. In the case of examinations other than the GCE/GCSE, applications are considered by the University on an individual basis. Candidates are required to present original certificates or copies authenticated by a relevant authority.

**It should be noted that in all cases students are required to present six Leaving Certificate subjects.**

## THE ENGLISH REQUIREMENT WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT THE FIRST LANGUAGE

All candidates are required to satisfy the English language requirement. Candidates whose first language is not English may satisfy the requirement through any of the following:

### 7.1 **National University of Ireland Matriculation**

English at Level 4 or above, before 1985; at Level D or above, in or after 1985

### 7.2 **NUI Certificate in English Language Studies**

(currently awarded at Shannon College of Hotel Management)

### 7.3 **Leaving Certificate**

English at Grade D ordinary Level or above

### 7.4 **University of Dublin (Trinity College)**

English Composition (not English Literature) at Pass Level or above

### 7.5 **UK Examining Boards/Bodies**

- GCE O Level English Language at Grade C or above
- GCSE English Language at Grade C or above
- GCSE English Literature at Grade C or above
- CSE Grade 1 Pass in English

The following standard in English Language examinations set by certain Examination Boards – any one of:

- (i) Assessments and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) C or above
- (ii) Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) C or above
- (iii) Edexcel Foundation C or above
- (iv) University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (UCLES) C or above

### 7.6 **EU Countries' Matriculation Examination**

Matriculation Examinations from European Union Countries where English is presented as a subject and an acceptable level is achieved

### 7.7 **Norwegian Certificate of Upper Secondary Education**

A score of 4 or higher in English in the First Part

## **7.8 Hong Kong Education Examination Authorities**

- (i) Hong Kong Certificate of Education, English Language Syllabus B Grade C or better
- (ii) Hong Kong Examination Authority, Advanced Level Use of English Grade C or better

## **7.9 Sri Lankan National Certificate in English Pass level or better**

## **7.10 Other English Language Examinations**

### **(i) *Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)***

A minimum score of 550 (213 for computer-based tests or 79 for internet-based tests) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University

### **(ii) *Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)***

A minimum score of 750

### **(iii) *International English Language Testing System (IELTS)***

Test Patterns A and B, with an average score of 6.0 over all components

**It should be noted that these are the minimum requirements in English and that Faculties/Colleges may set higher requirements.**

## MATRICULATION FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Students who are certified to the University by an appropriate professional authority as having serious hearing impairment are permitted to matriculate in six subjects as follows:

- Irish or English
- Any other five subjects accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes provided faculty requirements are otherwise satisfied.

## MATRICULATION ON MATURE YEARS

Students of mature years (i.e. students who are 23 years of age on the 1st January on the calendar year of entry) may be matriculated by the University on the recommendation of the Academic Council of a Constituent University or Recognised College for the purpose of entering on a course of study, in such Constituent University or Recognised College, leading to a degree of the University. In the case of part-time courses, students of 21 years of age may be matriculated. Students are advised to consult the relevant Constituent University or Recognised College admissions literature for additional information governing Matriculation Registration on mature years.

## MATRICULATION ON COMPLETION OF AN NUI ACCESS COURSE

Students who have satisfactorily completed an Approved Access Course in a Constituent University, or who enter the University through an Approved Access/Foundation Programme, may be matriculated by the University on the recommendation of the President of a Constituent University.

Students are advised to consult the relevant Constituent University for additional information concerning Matriculation Registration on satisfactory completion of an Approved Access Course or Approved Access/Foundation Programme.

## **MATRICULATION FOR HOLDERS OF HETAC (NCEA) QUALIFICATIONS**

Matriculation will be granted to holders of qualifications at level 6 and upwards of the National Framework of Qualifications awarded by HETAC or comparable NCEA qualifications.

## **MATRICULATION FOR HOLDERS OF FETAC/NCVA Level 5 and Level 6 awards**

Holders of FETAC/NCVA Level 5 or Level 6 awards with Distinctions in five modules, will be granted Matriculation for admission to degree courses in cognate areas.

Students wishing to complete Matriculation Registration on the results of the FETAC (NCVA) Level 5 or Level 6 awards should contact, in the first instance, the Admissions Office of the Constituent University or Recognised College they wish to enter.

## **INFORMATION TO CENTRAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE (CAO)**

NUI will inform the Central Applications Office of exemptions granted by the University for Matriculation Registration purposes. However, while the NUI is happy to facilitate students by informing CAO of exemptions granted, it is the responsibility of the students to ensure that this information has been correctly recorded on the Statement of Application Record which students receive from the CAO at the end of May (or the amended Statement, where the exemption has been granted by the NUI after the original Statement has been issued by the CAO). In the case of exemptions granted to applicants by the University before CAO numbers are available, candidates are required to inform the National University of Ireland of their CAO numbers when these are known.

## APPENDIX/AGUISÍN

### European and International Qualifications accepted for Matriculation Cáilíochtaí Eorpacha agus Idirnáisiúnta atá inghlactha don Mháithreánach

Country	Qualification
Austria / <i>An Ostair</i>	Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schulen) Reifezeugnis/Maturazeugnis (from Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schulen)
Belgium / <i>An Bheilg</i>	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Diplôme de l'Examen d'Admission Diplôme d'Accès aux Études Supérieures Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs Abschluszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
Bulgaria / <i>An Bhulgáir</i>	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) <b>NB this is only accepted with Matriculation</b> [from Professionalni utchilichta schools]
Cyprus / <i>An Chipir</i>	Apolytirion of Lykeion
Czech Republic / <i>Poblacht na Seice</i>	Maturitní Zkouška / Maturita
Denmark / <i>An Danmhairg</i>	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen
Estonia / <i>An Eastóin</i>	AS level equivalent (meets entry requirement for courses up to 500 points)
Finland / <i>An Fhionlainn</i>	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentexamensbetyg
France / <i>An Fhrainc</i>	Baccalauréat de L'Enseignement du Second Degré Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale
Germany / <i>An Ghearmáin</i>	Abitur / Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife
Greece / <i>An Ghréig</i>	Apolytirion of Lykeio
Hungary / <i>An Ungáir</i>	Érettségi / Matura
Italy / <i>An Iodáil</i>	Diploma di Maturità: (up until 1999) Diploma di Esame di Stato (from 1999) <i>Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica /Scientifica /Tecnica /Linguistica /Magistrale /Artistica</i>
Latvia / <i>an Laitvia</i>	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību (Certificate of General Secondary Education)
Lithuania / <i>An Liotuáin</i>	Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level
Luxembourg / <i>Lucsamburg</i>	Diplôme de fin d'Études Secondaire
Malta / <i>Málta</i>	Advanced Matriculation Certificate
Netherlands / <i>An Ísiltír</i>	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
Poland / <i>An Pholainn</i>	Matura Certificate / Świadectwo Dojrzałości
Portugal / <i>An Phortaingéil</i>	Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundários
Romania / <i>An Rómáin</i>	Diploma de Bacalaureat
Scotland / <i>Alba</i>	Scottish Highers, plus Scottish Advanced Highers
Slovakia / <i>An tSlóvaic</i>	Maturitná skúška / Maturita
Slovenia / <i>An tSlóivéin</i>	Matura / Secondary School Leaving Diploma
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## Information on NUI Matriculation requirements for holders of European Union qualifications and International Baccalaureate

<b>AUSTRIA / AN OSTAIR</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildende höhere Schulen Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis (from Allgemeinbildende höhere Schulen)
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Seven (take best six)
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	4
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at grade 2 and four subjects at grade 4 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	3 or equivalent competence in English

<b>BELGIUM / AN BHEILG</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Diplôme de l'Examen d'Admission Diplôme d'Acces aux Etudes Supérieures Diplome van Secundaire Onderwijs Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	There are four streams; number of subjects and subject weighting depends on the stream taken.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5
Minimum Matriculation	Minimum score of 5 in six subjects, which includes a minimum of 7 in two subjects, with English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
Competence in English Language	7.5 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>BULGARIA / AN BHULGÁIR</b>	
Recognised School Qualifications	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Leaving Completed Secondary Education) <b>NB this is only accepted with Matriculation</b> [from Professionalni utchilichta schools]
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points.

## BULGARIA Continued

Format of Examinations	At the end of the 12th grade, students with an average score of less than 5.0 (Very Good) must sit a final examination (the Matura) which after successful completion leads to the Diploma za sredno obrazovanie (Diploma of secondary education). Students with an average score of 5.0 or more are exempt from taking the Matura, and automatically receive the Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie																		
Number of subjects	Varies but they specialise in two subjects marked profile on the transcript (ten-twelve seems usual)																		
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	3																		
Minimum Matriculation	Pass in six subjects which must include both profile subjects and two subjects at grade 5 or better																		
Competence in English Language	IELTS/TOEFL																		

## CYPRUS / AN CHIPIR

Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Apolytirion of Lykeoin
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) applicants rating	GCSE equivalent (0 level) does not meet entry and matriculation requirements. For consideration, need GCE A level, 1B exam, or successful completion of first year in a cognate subject in a recognized third level institution of equivalent standing to NUI.

## CZECH REPUBLIC / POBLACHT NA SEICE

Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Maturitni Zkouška / Maturita
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Four or five (Czech, a foreign language and two other subjects based on choice, with possible fifth subject)
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4
Minimum Matriculation	Average of 3.5 in best four subjects to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements. For programmes with LC points requirement of 500 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum of five subjects
Competence in English Language	2.5 or equivalent English Language competence



<b>DENMARK / AN DANMHAIRG</b>	
Recognised School English Language	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Hojere Forberedelseseksamen
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Take best six
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	6 in year's work and 6 in end-of-year exam
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects with grade 9 and four subjects grade 6 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
Competence in English Language	9.5 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>ESTONIA / AN EASTÓIN</b>																
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus															
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	50% or 3															
Minimum Matriculation	Pass in six subjects including minimum 3 at State level and all with minimum six courses															
Competence in English Language	4 at State level or equivalent English Language competence															

<b>FINLAND / AN FHIONLAINN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Ylioppilastutkinotodistus / Studentexamsbetyg (NB: Ammatillinen perustutkinto / yrkesinriktad grundexamen is not recognised)
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
<b>Format of Examination</b>	
Number of subjects	Minimum five, of which one is called ' <i>general subjects</i> ', plus optional extra one or more. In ' <i>general subjects</i> ' students choose questions from 9 subject areas: mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish) other national language (Swedish/Finnish) foreign language mathematics general studies/ <i>reaalia</i> (humanities and natural sciences) ( <i>realikoe/realprov</i> )

## FINLAND Continued

Grading System	<p><b>Ylioppilastutkinotodistus</b> A numerical scale of 0 - 7 is used, with 2 being the minimum pass mark as follows: 7 = Laudatur = Excellent 6 = Eximia cum laude approbatur = Exceptionally Good 5 = Magna cum laude approbatur = Very Good 4 = Cum laude approbatur = Good 3 = Lubenter approbatur = Satisfactory 2 = Approbatur = Pass 0 = Improbatur = Fail</p> <p><b>Studentexamsbetyg</b> marked on a scale of 1- 10</p> <table> <tr> <td>10</td> <td><i>Erinomainen</i></td> <td>Excellent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td><i>Kiitettävä</i></td> <td>Praiseworthy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td><i>Hyvä</i></td> <td>Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td><i>Tyydyttävä</i></td> <td>Satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td><i>Kohtalainen</i></td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td><i>Välttävä</i></td> <td>Adequate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td><i>Hylätty</i></td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </table>	10	<i>Erinomainen</i>	Excellent	9	<i>Kiitettävä</i>	Praiseworthy	8	<i>Hyvä</i>	Good	7	<i>Tyydyttävä</i>	Satisfactory	6	<i>Kohtalainen</i>	Moderate	5	<i>Välttävä</i>	Adequate	4	<i>Hylätty</i>	Fail
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	2 Ylioppilastutkinotodistus or 5 in Studentexamsbetyg																					
Minimum Matriculation	Minimum of five subjects with two at Grade 5 and two at Grade 3, to include English and another language, plus specific programme requirements. For programmes with LC points requirement of 500 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum six subjects																					
Competence in English Language	5 or equivalent English Language competence <i>Studentexamsbetyg</i> Grade 8 in English A1, B1 or B2 - B3 English must have 10																					

## FRANCE /AN FHRAINC

Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Baccalauréat de L'Enseignement du Second Degré Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Students specialise in one of three options, which can be Scientific or Literary or Economic and Social. Subject choice and weighting vary according to the option, with certain compulsory subjects in all options.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	10
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 10, with English, another language, plus specific programme requirements.
Competence in English Language	13 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>GERMANY / AN GHEARMÁIN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Abitur Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Subjects are available from three categories: Languages, Literature and the Arts Social Science Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology Eight subjects overall must be taken, with the following as core: German, foreign language, Mathematics, Religious Education (RE not necessarily assessed). Two subjects are 'intensive', the remainder are general. Where a subject requirement is at LC Higher Level, then the subject must have been taken at 'intensive' level in the Abitur.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4
Minimum Matriculation	Overall minimum of 3.5 in the Durchsnitte, with English another language plus specific programme requirements
Competence in English Language	11 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>GREECE / AN GHRÉIG</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Apolytirion of Lykeion
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1st year in a recognised third level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	There are three categories: Applied Sciences; Humanities and Social Sciences; Sciences. nine subjects are assessed externally (nationally) and five are assessed internally, over the last two years at school.
Number of subjects	Fourteen
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	10
Minimum Matriculation	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion, with English another language plus specific programme requirements
Competence in English Language	18.75 Higher than 16 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>HUNGARY / AN UNGÁIR</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Erettsegi / Matura
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Four or five subjects: Mathematics, Hungarian, History, plus one/two options
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2
Minimum Matriculation	Pass in a minimum of four subjects
Competence in English Language	3.75 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>ITALY / AN IODÁIL</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diploma di Maturità: (up until 1999) Esame di Stato (from 1999) Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica/Scientifica/Tecnica/Linguistica/Magistrale/Artistica Note: Liceo Professionale <b>not accepted</b> .
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Esame di Stato: GCE A Level equivalent Maturita: GCE A level equivalent, but not on a subject for subject basis. Due to high numbers achieving maximum scores, and the fact that Italian Universities will often use matriculation/entry exams, for programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in the entrance exam, in a cognate subject, of a university of comparable standing to the NUI.
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	The examinations consist of three written examinations and an oral. The first written examination assesses the candidates' knowledge of the Italian language, along with the second tuition language in bilingual regions/provinces. The second written examination is related to one of the disciplinary subjects characterising the upper secondary study course concerned. The third written examination assesses all the subjects of the last study year (normally the fifth) including a foreign language. The oral examination consists of an interview on a wide range of topics relating to all the other subjects of the last years curriculum.
Number of subjects	Between ten and twelve.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	60%
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 80%, with six recognised subjects taken over the five years of higher secondary school, plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	80% or equivalent English Language competence

<b>LATVIA / AN LAITVIA</b>															
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Certificate of General Secondary Education)														
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1st year in a recognised 3rd level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI														
<b>Format of Examinations</b>															
Number of subjects	Students follow one of four programmes, general, natural sciences, humanities and vocational, of which seven (but see below changes) subjects are compulsory for all students and others are compulsory depending on the programme studied. The seven compulsory subjects are: Latvian language and literature, Mathematics, a foreign language, History, Physical Education, Applied informatics, Basics of Business. Two different levels – basic (pamatkurss) and advanced (profilkurss) – are offered in each subject. To be awarded an Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Certificate of General Secondary Education), students have to complete the courses in their chosen programme and pass five final examinations, including two examinations in compulsory subjects (Latvian language and literature and another examination which is set nationally each year) and three examinations to be chosen by the student. One of these five examinations must be chosen at the advanced level of the respective subject. The examinations can be taken in years 10, 11 or 12 if the course has been completed.														
Grading System	Up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, The current marking system is based on a six-point scale, which has replaced a 10-point system, in 2002-3 (this in turn replaced the traditional 5-grade system): <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>New scale</td> <td>Previous scale</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>8-9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>6-7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>4-5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Certificate of General Secondary Education is accompanied by a list of marks given to twelve subjects, including five compulsory and seven elective. From these subjects at least two must be marked as <i>profilkurss</i> (advanced).</p>	New scale	Previous scale	A	10	B	8-9	C	6-7	D	4-5	E	3	F	1-2
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	Grade D or 4.														
Minimum Matriculation	Grade C in two subjects at Advanced level and remainder at least grade D.														
English Language Competence	Grade B in Advanced level or equivalent English Language competence)														

<b>LITHUANIA / AN LIOTUÁIN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level.
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1st year in a recognised 3rd level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Minimum of ten subjects, though not all are examined. There are two streams, Humanities/Arts and Maths/Sciences. Many subjects can be taken at two levels, School level and State level.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5
Minimum Matriculation	Minimum grade 5 in six subjects, to include English and another language, with minimum grade 8 in two subjects, plus specific programme requirements. Subjects presented must include a minimum of four examined at State level.
English Language Competence	8 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>LUXEMBOURG / LUCSAMBURG</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaire
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	There are seven programme types. Students will take subjects based on the programme type they are following. Subjects with a coefficient of 4 can be considered Higher Level and subjects with a coefficient of 2 can be considered as Ordinary Level.
Number of subjects	From seven to ten.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	30
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at coefficient 4 and minimum grade of 40, plus four subjects at coefficient 2 and minimum grade of 30.
English Language Competence	45 at coefficient 4 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>MALTA / MÁLTA</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Advanced Matriculation Certificate
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Generally two or three at Advanced Level and two or three at Intermediate Level, and Systems of Knowledge
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	Grade E
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and three other subjects at Intermediate Level Grade C minimum (not including Systems of Knowledge) to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	C at Advanced Level or equivalent English Language competence

<b>NETHERLANDS / AN ÍSILTÍR</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Vorbereidend Wetenschappelijk (VWO)
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Take best six
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	6
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 8 and four subjects grade 6 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	8 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>POLAND / AN PHOLAINN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Matura Certificate/Świadectwo Dojrzałości
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Minimum four, plus up to two more
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	2
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 4 and two other subjects grade 2 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	4 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>PORTUGAL / AN PHORTAINGÉIL</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundários
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level, provided overall of 14 is attained. (For admission to University, students are required to take the <i>provas específicas</i> (specific examination) corresponding to the course of study the applicant intends to follow and the <i>prova de aferição</i> (counter test) corresponding to the secondary education course.)
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Take best six in final year.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	12
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 15 and four subjects grade 12 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	16 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>ROMANIA / AN RÓMÁIN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diploma de Bacalaureat
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	comparable to the overall GCE Advanced / Scottish Advanced Higher standard
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	The <i>Bacalaureat</i> is comprised of 2 or 3 oral examinations and 4 or 5 written examinations,
Grading System	Grading is made on a scale of 1 to 10, with 5 as the minimum pass mark Each exam ( <i>Proba</i> ) is marked from 1 to 10 with 10 being the best, using two decimals for written exams (e.g. 9.44 or 9.14 is a valid mark) and an integer for an oral exam
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for average University purposes	5 – to pass overall, a student must obtain an score of at least 6.00 and at least 5.00 at each of the individual exams
Minimum Matriculation	Total of 5 passes including 2 @ 8. Min Average of 6
Competence in English Language	IELTS/TOEFL



<b>SCOTLAND / ALBA</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Scottish Highers plus Scottish Advanced Highers
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Highers: GCE AS Level equivalent Advanced Highers: GCE A level equivalent
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	At Higher level, four or five
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	C
Minimum Matriculation	Three subjects at Higher level grade C, plus three other subjects at Standard Level grade C, to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements. Programmes over 500 points will require results at Advanced Higher Level
English Language Competence	C or equivalent English Language competence

<b>SLOVAKIA / AN TSLÓVAIC</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Maturitná skúška Maturita
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Four subjects to include Slovak language and literature, one modern language or mathematics and two optional subjects.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	4
Minimum Matriculation	Two at Grade 3 and two at Grade 4 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	3 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>SLOVENIA / AN TSLÓVÉIN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Matura/Secondary School Leaving Diploma
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Five, three of which are compulsory: mother tongue, mathematics and a foreign language. The two optional subjects are chosen from four different subject areas.
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	2
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 3 minimum and three subjects grade 2 minimum to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	3 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>SPAIN / AN SPÁINN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Curso de Orientacion (COU)/ Título de Bachillerato Selectividad, provided an average of 6 has been obtained
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	There are four different types of <i>Bachillerato</i> with different specifications. PE, Philosophy, History, Spanish and a foreign language are common core subjects. Additional subjects will be added for each type of <i>Bachillerato</i> . Applicants will also need the university entrance examination, called the <i>PAU, Prueba de Acceso Universidad</i> although it is often referred to under its previous name of <i>Selectividad</i> , in order to gain admittance to University. Students take one of five options related to their previous <i>Bachillerato</i> studies and two compulsory options. The final grade for university admission <i>Calificacion Definitiva</i> combines the <i>Bachillerato</i> with the entrance examination. The <i>Bachillerato</i> is weighted at 60% and the <i>PAU</i> examination at 40%.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	5
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 7 and four subjects grade 5 to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	7.5 or equivalent English Language competence

<b>SWEDEN / AN TSUALAINN</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Avgangsbetyg Slutbetyg fran Gymnasreskolan
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of subjects	Eight core plus optional subjects depending on programme. Subjects can have 50, 100 or 150 point courses. Minimum 2,500 points required to pass the exam.
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	G
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects graded VG and four subjects graded G to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements. For programmes over 500 points specific subjects appropriately weighted will be required.
English Language Competence	VG or equivalent English Language competence

<b>UK (except Scotland) / RÍOCHT AONTAITHE(ach amháin Alba)</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	A Level
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of Subjects	Three or four
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark	E
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at GCE A Level grade C and four other subjects at GCSE Level Grade C to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language competence

<b>EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE / EORPACH</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	<b>European Baccalaureate</b>
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of Subjects	Eight core subjects are taken from Years 1- 7: First Language, first Foreign Language, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Physical Education and Ethics/Religion <b>N.B.</b> Mathematics may be taken at either five hours or three hours per week Subjects are graded 1-10
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Subject pass mark	6
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 60%, with English, another language, plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	6 in 1st Language, or in 1st or 2nd Foreign language or equivalent English Language competence

<b>INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE / IDIRNÁISIÚNTA</b>	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	<b>International Baccalaureate</b>
<b>Format of Examinations</b>	
Number of Subjects	Six with three at Higher Level and three at Subsidiary Level. Bonus points (1, 2, or 3) are awarded for an Extended Essay
<b>University Requirements</b>	
Pass mark	To obtain the Diploma, an overall pass mark of 24 is required. Maximum is 45 points which includes up to 3 bonus points.
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 4 at Higher Level and four subjects grade 4 at Subsidiary Level, to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	5 at Higher Level or equivalent English Language competence

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