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**NCUK International Foundation Year**  
Entry Requirements

This guide details the entry requirements for students applying to the NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY).

Applicants must normally be 17 years at the start of the IFY.

The entry requirements for a number of countries and qualifications are given below. Where a qualification does not appear in the list below, or the student is marginally below the stated requirements, please email the student details to NCUK's Non-Standard Entry email address ([nse@ncuk.ac.uk](mailto:nse@ncuk.ac.uk)) for a decision on entry.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
All	GCSE/IGCSE	Pre-2017 = Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English). Post-2017 = Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of 4 or above (to normally include Maths and English).
All	A Level	One E Grade from a UK A-Level board.
All	AS Level	2 E Grades from a UK A-Level board.
All	International Baccalaureate	Successful completion with a minimum of 22 points.
All	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)	Successful completion with a total of 34 points or more, with a grade of 5 or more in both Maths and English. Students must have completed eAssessment. Students entering the IFY via this route may have limited progression outcomes.
Albania	Matura	Successful completion with grades of 6/10 in all relevant subjects.
Algeria	Baccalauréat	Successful completion with an average mark of 10/20 (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths).
Angola	Habilitacao Literarias	Successful completion with marks of 12/20 or better in all relevant subjects.
Argentina	Titulo de Bachiller (Bachillerato)	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in at least four modules.
Armenia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 8/20 or better in all relevant subjects.
Australia	Year 11	Successful completion with an average grade of 70%.
Azerbaijan	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in relevant subjects.
Bahrain	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an average of 60% or more.
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% or a GPA of 3.0 or more (on a 5.0 scale)
Belarus	Certificate of General Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Benin	Baccalauréat	Successful completion with an average of 10/20 or more.
Bermuda	Bermuda School Diploma	Successful completion with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.

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Bhutan	Bhutan Certificate of Secondary Education	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of 5 or better (to normally include Maths and English).
Bolivia	Diploma de Bachiller Científico-Humanístico	Successful completion with an average of 50% or above.
Botswana	Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (BGCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Botswana	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in all relevant modules.
Brazil	Certificado de Conclusão de Segundo Grau	Successful completion with grades of 5 or better in all relevant subjects.
Brazil	Certificado de Ensino Médio	Successful completion with grades of 5 or better in all relevant subjects.
Brunei	O Levels	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Burundi	Diplome des Humanités Complètes	Successful completion with a grade of 50% or more in all modules.
Cambodia	Diploma of Upper Secondary Education	Successful completion with marks of 45% or more (grade D) in relevant subjects.
Cameroon	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an average of 10/20 or more.
Chile	Licencia de Educación Media / Técnico-Profesional	Successful completion with an average of 4 in relevant subjects.
China	Year 12/Gao Kao	The 12 years of school education should include senior middle school year three with passes at acceptable grades (70% and above) in all relevant subjects of the Gao Kao. Passes in Chinese Language and Chinese Politics are not essential for entry to the IFY.
China	Year 11	Students who have completed 11 years of school education including completion of Year 11 and have achieved an average of 70% or above may enter the IFY. Passes in Chinese Language and Chinese Politics are not essential for entry to the IFY.
Colombia	Bachiller Académico	Successful completion with a Pass grade in all relevant subjects.
Cyprus	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 10/20 (including a grade of 10 or more in Maths).
Ecuador	Titulo de Bachiller en Ciencias (Bachillerato)	Successful completion with a Year 12 average grade of at least 7/10.
Egypt	Certificate of General Secondary Education	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% or more.
Eritrea	Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).

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Ethiopia	Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate	Successful completion with an average of 60% or more (with 50% or more in Maths).
France	Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général	Successful completion with an average of 10/20 or more.
Gambia	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion of West African Senior School Certificate with grades of C6 or better in at least five modules including English and Maths.
Georgia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Sashualo Ganatlebis Atestasi)	Successful completion with an average grade of 6/10 (with a grade of 6 or more in all subjects).
Ghana	West African Senior School Certificate Examination	Successful completion of West African Senior School Certificate with grades of C6 or better in at least five modules including English and Maths.
Guyana	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with grades greater than 3 in all relevant subjects.
Guyana	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination	Successful completion of Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination with passes in at least two single unit subjects.
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	Minimum grades of 3,2,2 in relevant subjects (Liberal Studies may be included in these grades).
Hong Kong	Form 5 / Year 11	Successful completion of Form 5 / Year 11 with an average of 60%. Students entering with this qualification may have limited progression outcomes.
Hungary	Secondary Education Graduation Certificate (Érettségi Bizonyítvány/ Matura)	Successful completion with an average grade of 2/5 (with a grade of 2 or more in Maths).
India	Higher Secondary Certificate / Standard 12	Successful completion with average of 50% (including at least 50% in Maths).
India	Year 11	Successful completion of Year 11 with an average of 75% (students wishing to study IFY Science or Engineering must have a minimum of 75% in Maths).
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas - SMA 3	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or better (including English and Maths).
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas - SMA 2	Successful completion of SMA 2 with an average grade of 70% or better (including English and Maths).
Iran	High School Diploma	Successful completion with a grade of 10 or more in at least four modules.

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Iraq	Certificate of Preparatory Education / Sixth Form Baccalaureat	Successful completion with marks of over 50% in relevant subjects.
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato	Successful completion with at least 50% in all relevant subjects.
Japan	Kotogakko Year 3	Successful completion with an average of 2/5 across all modules.
Japan	Kotogakko Year 2	Successful completion of Year 2 of Upper Secondary School with good results (average of 3/5 across all modules). These students should be submitted as non-standard entry for review by NCUK.
Jordan	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Tawjihi)	Successful completion with an average mark of 50%.
Kazakhstan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education/Attestat	Successful completion with an average grade of 3/5 or more.
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Kuwait	Shahadat Al-Thawayya Al-Aama	Successful completion an average grade of 60% or better.
Kyrgyzstan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	Successful completion with an average grade of 3/5 or better.
Kyrgyzstan	Certificate of Technical & Professional Education	Successful completion with an average grade of 3/5 or better.
Laos	Upper Secondary School Diploma	Successful completion with an average of 5/10 or better.
Lebanon	General Secondary Certificate	Successful completion with an overall Pass grade.
Lebanon	Baccalaureat Technique	Successful completion of Baccalaureat Technique with grades of 10 or better in all relevant subjects.
Lesotho	Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education (LGCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Libya	Secondary School Certificate	Successful completion an average mark of 50% overall.
Lithuania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Brandos Atestatas)	Successful completion with an average grade of 6/10.
Malawi	Malawi School Certificate of Education	Successful completion of Malawi School Certificate of Education with grades of 6 or better in all relevant subjects.

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Malawi	School Certificate of Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in at least 5 subjects (to normally include Maths and English).
Malaysia	Malaysia Certificate of Education (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia - SPM)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English). Students entering via this route will have limited progression opportunities and should therefore be submitted as a Non-Standard Entry.
Malaysia	Unified Exam Certificate (UEC)	Successful completion with 5 subjects at grade C8 or better (to normally include Maths and English).
Mali	Baccalauréat	Successful completion with an overall average of 12/20 or more.
Mauritania	Baccalauréat	Successful completion with an overall average of 12/20 or more.
Mauritius	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Mexico	Bachillerato General	Successful completion with grades of 6 (60%) or better in at least 4 modules.
Moldova	Diploma de Bacalaureat (Baccalaureate Diploma)	Successful completion with an average mark of 5/10 or more.
Mongolia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with an average mark of 60% or more.
Morocco	Diplome du Baccalaureat	Successful completion an average grade of 10/20 or better.
Mozambique	Certificado de Habilitações Literárias	Successful completion with an overall average of 12/20 or better.
Myanmar	Basic Education Standard Examination / Matriculation	Successful completion with Pass grades (over 60%) in at least four modules.
Namibia	Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (Ordinary Level)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Nepal	Higher Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with an overall Pass grade.
Nigeria	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Nigeria	National Examinations Council (NECO)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Oman	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with grades of 80% (B+) or better in all relevant subjects.
Pakistan	Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate	Successful completion with an average mark of 50% or better.

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Palestine	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more.
Paraguay	Titulo de Bachillerato	Successful completion with grades of 4 or better in all subjects (1-10 grading system).
Peru	Certificado de Educacion Secundaria Comun Completa	Successful completion with grades of 11 or better in all subjects.
Philippines	High School Diploma	Successful completion of the Academic Track Diploma with an average of 85% or more.
Qatar	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% (with at least 50% in Maths).
Russia	Certificate of Secondary (Complete) General Education (also called Attestat)	Successful completion of with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Rwanda	Diplome des Humanites Completes	Successful completion with a pass grade in all modules.
Saudi Arabia	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihyya)	Successful completion with four passes (over 50%) in all relevant subjects.
Senegal	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with grades of 12 or better in all subjects.
Sierra Leone	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Singapore	Singapore / Cambridge GCE O level	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Somalia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 60% or more in all subjects.
South Africa	National Senior School Certificate	Successful completion with at least five subjects at grade 3 or better (to normally include Maths and English).
South Korea	High School Diploma	Successful completion with an average ranked grade of 1-6 across all subjects. Such transcripts can be difficult to review effectively. If you are in any doubt please send the student application to be reviewed as NSE.
South Korea	High School Graduation Equivalency Examination	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more, with at least 60% in Maths.
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan O Levels	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Sudan	Sudan School Certificate	Successful completion with marks of 50% (D) or better in all subjects.

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Suriname	VWO Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 6 or above in all relevant subjects.
Swaziland	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC)	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in all relevant subjects (to include English and Maths).
Sweden	Slutbetyg Från Gynasieskola (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Successful completion with a grade D or better in all subjects.
Syria	General Secondary Certificate (Al Shahâda al-Thânawiyya al-Ämma)	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% (with at least 60% in Maths)
Taiwan	Senior High School Year 2 (Year 11)	Successful completion with an average mark of 70% or above. Note that such students may have limited progression opportunities.
Taiwan	Senior High School Year 3 (Year 12)	Successful completion with an average mark of 60% or above.
Tajikistan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all subjects.
Tanzania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Thailand	Certificate of Secondary Education / MAW 6	Successful completion of with an overall grade of 2 or better in all relevant subjects.
Thailand	MAW 5	Successful completion with an overall grade of 2.5 or better in all relevant subjects.
Tunisia	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall grade of 12 or better.
Tunisia	Brevet de Technicien Professionel	Successful completion with an overall grade of 12 or better.
Tunisia	Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle	Successful completion with an overall grade of 12 or better.
Tunisia	Brevet de Technicien Professionel	Successful completion with an overall grade of 12 or better.
Turkey	State High School Diploma (Devlet Lise Diploması)	Successful completion with an overall grade of 2 (or 45%) or better in all relevant subjects.
Turkmenistan	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education (Diplom yorite orta bilim barada)	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE)	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in at least 5 subjects (normally to include Maths and English).
Ukraine	Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better (on a 12 point scale) in at least 4 subjects.



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United Arab Emirates	General Secondary Education Certificate Examination (General / Religious) (Tawjihiyya)	Successful completion with an average mark of 60%.
United States	High School Graduation Diploma	Successful completion, including good passes in Maths for Engineering programmes. This includes students who are studying in a US school system overseas. Such students would not normally be required to provide evidence of English language level. Note that if the student has completed SATS I plus either SATS II or APs, they may be eligible to enter the International Year One.
United States	GED	Successful completion of each of the four tests with a mark of 145 or more in each test.
Uruguay	Bachillerato Diversificado	Successful completion with marks of 6 or above in all relevant subjects.
Uzbekistan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education (O'рта Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma)	Successful completion of with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Uzbekistan	Diploma of Academic Lyceum (Akademik Litsey Diplomi)	Successful completion of with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Uzbekistan	Diploma of Professional College (Kasb-Hunar Kolleji Diplomi)	Successful completion of with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Venezuela	Bachillerato	Successful completion with grades of 13/20 in relevant subjects.
Vietnam	Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Year 12)	Successful completion with an overall average of 5.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and English). Students entering with an average of 5.0 or 6.0 may have limited progression outcomes. Successful completion with an overall average of 7.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and English). Students entering with an average of 7.0 or more will have the full range of progression options available to them.
Vietnam	Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Year 11)	Successful completion with an average of 7 or more in all subjects. Students entering with this qualification may have limited progression outcomes.
Zambia	School Certificate / General Certificate of Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in five relevant modules.
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)

## English Language Requirements

Below are the English Language entry requirements for NCUK Programmes. NCUK accepts a variety of qualifications for progression onto its programmes and you can use these tables to determine if your qualifications match NCUK's requirements. The minimum accepted English Language grades for our programmes are displayed in the table. Note that we do not stipulate minimum component requirements for those qualifications which are broken down into reading, writing, speaking and listening (IELTS, TOEFL etc.).

NCUK EAP		NCUK Entry Requirements	Password	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic	CEFR
Percentages	Grade						
				9.0	118-120	86+	C2
				8.5	115-117	83-85	C2
				8.0	110-114	79-82	C1
<b>80%+</b>	A*		Password Plus	7.5	102-109	73-78	C1
<b>70-79%</b>	A		7.0	7.0	94-101	65-72	C1
<b>60-69%</b>	B		6.5	6.5	79-93	58-64	B2
<b>50-59%</b>	C		6.0	6.0	60-78	50-57	B2
<b>40-49%</b>	D	NCUK International Year One Pre Masters Programme Route B Pre Masters Programme Route C	5.5	5.5	46-59	42-49	B2
<b>35-39%</b>	E	NCUK International Foundation Year Pre Masters Programme Route A	5.0	5.0	34-45	36-41	B1
<b>&lt;35%</b>	U		4.5	4.5	32-34	30-35	B1

Minimum Scores					
Qualification	Password	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic	NCUK EAP
Pre-International Foundation Year	4.5	4.5	32	30	N/A
International Foundation Year	5.0	5.0	35	36	E (no skill less than a E)
International Year One	5.5	5.5	46	42	D (no skill less than a D)
Pre Masters Programme Route A	5.0	5.0	35	36	E (no skill less than a E)
Pre Masters Programme Route B	5.5	5.5	46	42	D (no skill less than a D)
Pre Masters Programme Route C	5.5	5.5	46	42	D (no skill less than a D)



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