

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF  
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)**

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL**

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>																							
	<b>Bachelor Degree Programmes</b>	<b>International Foundation Programmes (if applicable)</b>	<b>* Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)</b>																				
<p>1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p><u>Level __ in (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or UCAS points required including (names of subjects)</u></p>	<p><b>Entry requirements for Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offers will be based on three elective subjects* and a pass at Level 3 or higher in the core subjects. The exceptions are English Language and Mathematics (see below).</li> </ul> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Typical GCE A-level offer</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Typical HKDSE offer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">A*AA</td><td style="text-align: center;">5*55</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">AAA</td><td style="text-align: center;">555</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">AAB</td><td style="text-align: center;">555</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">ABB</td><td style="text-align: center;">554</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">BBB</td><td style="text-align: center;">544</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">BBC</td><td style="text-align: center;">544</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">BCC</td><td style="text-align: center;">444</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Specific subject requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Subject prerequisites such as Chemistry, Physics and Literature in English will be specified in the offer, as with A-level applicants. Where an A grade in A-level Mathematics is required a HKDSE student needs to obtain 5* in compulsory Mathematics and 5 in one of the Mathematics extended papers.</li> </ul> <p>e.g. A typical offer for Biochemistry AAB (and 6.5 IELTS), would equate to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">555 including Chemistry and other science (and 4 in English)</p> <p><b>English Language</b></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Grade C or B in GCSE English or IELTS 6.0 – 6.55</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">HKDSE English Language Level 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">GCSE Grade A or IELTS 7.0</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">HKDSE English Language Level 5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Elective subjects include:</p>	Typical GCE A-level offer	Typical HKDSE offer	A*AA	5*55	AAA	555	AAB	555	ABB	554	BBB	544	BBC	544	BCC	444	Grade C or B in GCSE English or IELTS 6.0 – 6.55	HKDSE English Language Level 4	GCSE Grade A or IELTS 7.0	HKDSE English Language Level 5	N/A	N/A
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chinese Literature</li> <li>- Literature in English</li> <li>- Chinese History</li> <li>- Economics</li> <li>- Ethics and Religious Studies</li> <li>- Geography</li> <li>- History</li> <li>- Tourism and Hospitality Studies</li> <li>- Biology</li> <li>- Chemistry</li> <li>- Physics</li> <li>- Combined Science (choosing 2 units out of 3 (Biology, Chemistry and Physics))</li> <li>- Integrated Science (consisting of Biology, Chemistry and Physics)</li> <li>- Business, Accounting and Financial Studies</li> <li>- Design and Technology</li> <li>- Health Management and Social Care</li> <li>- Technology and Living (previously Home Economics)</li> <li>- Information and Communication Technology</li> <li>- Music</li> <li>- Visual Arts</li> <li>- Physical Education</li> </ul>		
2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.	<a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/study-at-bristol/">www.bristol.ac.uk/international/study-at-bristol/</a>	N/A	N/A
<b>B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
1. Please indicate the requirement in English Language in terms of level attained under the HKDSE, and/or requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard.	<p>HKDSE English Language Level 4 or 5 (depending on programme)</p> <p>IELTS 6.5 or 7.0 (depending on programme)</p>	N/A	N/A

\* For example, Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND), Foundation Degrees, National Certificate (Scotland)

### C. Student Learning Profile (SLP)

Information provided in the SLP includes student's other learning experiences, awards/achievements gained outside school, academic performance in school as well as his/her "self-account" (for example, impressive learning experiences, career goal setting, etc.)

1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing applications for admission?

The SLP will be considered as a component of the HKDSE but will not supersede the Personal Statement or Teacher's Reference

### D. Information needed before release of HKDSE results:

1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?

All applications are made through UCAS, so supporting reference and education information is automatically included in the application.

2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?

The University is looking for students' with lively minds and a passion for their subjects. They will be well motivated and demonstrate an interest for academic and extra curricular activities.

### E. Other Information

1. Please provide further information (if any) regarding undergraduate studies at your Institution (such as scholarship etc.) for prospective students who hold the HKDSE, or the website address for accessing the relevant information.

[www.bristol.ac.uk/international](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international)

*\*Normally, students who have completed secondary education in Hong Kong holding the HKDSE should have reached the age of 18.*

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