

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

**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

**A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE**

	Bachelor Degree/ Undergraduate Programme	International Foundation/ Diploma/ UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)	Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)
<p>1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.</p> <p>Example: <i>Level _____ in (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or UCAS points required including (names of subjects)</i></p>	<p>Level 3 or higher in all subjects AND Level 4 or 5 in at least 3 subjects, including at least 2 elective subjects – exact grades depend on the course applied for.</p> <p>Some courses may specify slightly higher requirements or specific subjects.</p> <p>Some courses will require Mathematics Extended M1 or M2 including Maths and Engineering programmes.</p>	<p>HKDSE with 4 subjects at grades of 3333 (not including Chinese or Liberal studies).</p> <p>For Engineering and Physical Sciences pathway, subjects must include Mathematics at level 3.</p> <p>For Medical, Life and Geo Sciences pathway (leading to Biology focused degrees), subjects must include Biology at level 3.</p>	N/A
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses">www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses</a>	<a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/foundation-pathways/index.aspx">http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/foundation-pathways/index.aspx</a>	N/A

**B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE**

<p>1. Please indicate the requirement in English Language in terms of level attained under the HKDSE, and/or alternative language qualifications that demonstrate the applicants' English standard for admission to your institution.</p>	<p>Accept HKDSE English Language (in lieu of IELTS) level 3 to 5, depending on the programme applied for.</p> <p>Requirements vary by course: IELTS 6.0 - 7.0 for most courses.</p>	<p>IELTS 5.5 overall with no less than 5.0 in each band.</p> <p>Also accept HKDSE English Language level 3 in lieu of IELTS.</p>	N/A
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### 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?

Yes

### D. Other Information

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

Please ensure that all sections of the UCAS application are completed in full, including predicted grades from the school, detailed personal statement and reference.

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

Applicant's motivation for chosen course of study, and aptitude for study at higher level. Any relevant facts about the student's background. Their English language skills and whether they have been educated in English.

3. 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.

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/index.aspx>

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