

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

DURHAM UNIVERSITY

A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE																	
	Bachelor Degree Programmes	International Foundation Programmes (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:</p> <p><i>Level _____ in _____ (number) subjects, including _____ (names of subjects) or _____ UCAS points required including _____ (names of subjects).</i></p>	<p>The University will be making a range of offers to applicants holding the HKDSE in line with the requirements of specific disciplines.</p> <p>All applicants will be expected to take the 4 core subjects (achieved at Level 3 or above) plus 3 elective subjects. The levels for the elective subjects will match the A Level equivalencies as below:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Typical A Level Offer</th> <th>Typical HKDSE Offer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A*AA</td> <td>5*55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AAA</td> <td>555</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AAB</td> <td>555</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABB</td> <td>554</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBB</td> <td>554</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBC</td> <td>544</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Prerequisite subjects for specific degree programmes will be specified in the offer made.</p> <p>For programmes which specify A Level Mathematics at Grade A students will be expected to obtain 5* in the compulsory component and 5 in one extended paper.</p> <p>For other programmes with prerequisite subjects we advise that Level 5 in the most appropriate HKDSE elective should be requested.</p>	Typical A Level Offer	Typical HKDSE Offer	A*AA	5*55	AAA	555	AAB	555	ABB	554	BBB	554	BBC	544	N/A	
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<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p>www.dur.ac.uk/departments/</p>	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 requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard.</p>	<p>- It is recommended that departments accept HKDSE English Language Level 5 in place of IELTS 6.5 - 7.0.</p> <p>- IELTS is our preferred test of English Language proficiency. Other acceptable qualifications are listed on our website, please click here for more details.</p>	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?

Yes, please refer to the following link for more information
www.dur.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/personalstatement/

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?

Predicted grades for HKDSE and academic reference from teachers or tutor.

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

Merit and Potential.

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.dur.ac.uk/study/undergraduate

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

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