

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

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

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>Offers will be given based on the UCAS tariff system for 3 of the 23 category A subjects. Specific subject areas will be required for some programmes.</p> <p>Students who achieve 'Attained with Distinction' in category B will be awarded 40 UCAS points.</p> <p>(Please refer to the Annex for more details.)</p>	<p>Offers will be given based on the UCAS tariff system for the 3 of the 23 category A subjects.</p> <p>(Please refer to the Annex for more details.)</p>	N/A
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p>www.westminster.ac.uk/international</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>HKDSE English Language: Level 4 or above for most courses. Some courses require higher levels of English</p> <p>IELTS 6 for most courses. Some courses require higher levels of English. We also accept a wide range of alternative English Qualifications. These can be found on our website at www.westminster.ac.uk/international</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?

Yes

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?

This depends on the course applied for. Some courses require a portfolio.

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

This depends on the course. Entry requirements are detailed at www.westminster.ac.uk

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.

We hold the largest scholarship scheme of any university in the UK. We regularly visit Hong Kong and would be happy to meet with students. Details of all international visits can be found on the international section of our website www.westminster.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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Annex

Hong Kong Qualifications Briefing

General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE

Bachelor Degree Programmes	International Foundation Programmes (if applicable)
Offers will be given based on the UCAS tariff system for 3 of the 23 category A subjects Students who achieve 'Attained at Distinction' in category B will be awarded 40 UCAS points	Offers will be given based on the UCAS tariff system for 3 of the 23 category A subjects

Language Requirement for Holders of HKDSE

IELTS: 6.0 or HKDSE English at level 4 or above for most courses.

Some courses require higher levels of English.

UCAS Tariff Value for HKDSE

UCAS tariff Points to 23 HKDSE subjects except Mathematics

Grade	Tariff	Remarks
5**	N/A	To be allocated with further evidence after the first administration of the HKDSE examination in 2012
5*	130	A level comparable to grade 7 (the highest award) in the International Baccalaureate (IB) and between grades A and A* in the 2010 GCE A level examination level
5	120	A level comparable to grade A in the 2010 GCE A Level examination
4	80	A level comparable to grade C in the GCE A Level examination
3	40	A level comparable to grade E in the GCE A Level examination

UCAS Tariff points to Mathematics:

Grade	Compulsory	Extension	Remark
5**	N/A	N/A	To be allocated with further evidence after the first administration of the HKDSE examination in 2012.
5*	60	70	
5	45	60	
4	35	50	
3	25	40	