UK universities and the HKDSE

- UK universities are recognising HKDSE for direct entry to undergraduate courses, using UCAS Tariff
- Some universities have declared their requirements
- Others are considering requirements
- Decisions made by academic committees, based on detailed analysis of UCAS Tariff report, other information about HKDSE, admissions requirements for comparable qualifications, the needs of the course, competition for places
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- Decisions aim to be fair to all applicants

- Universities are autonomous and may take different approaches
  - some specify Levels required, some UCAS points
  - number of subjects required varies

- Universities may interpret the UCAS Tariff differently, but it has been used as reference for all decisions so far

- For subjects requiring A-level equivalent mathematics, compulsory and extended components required

- Requirements are subject to review after 2012
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<td>Average 555 in 3 Elective subjects. Disciplines that require Mathematics will need Level 5* in the compulsory component and Level 5 in the extended</td>
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<td>University of Manchester</td>
<td>554 to 5*55 for Core or Elective subjects, with subject specific grades stated where necessary</td>
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<td>University of Bristol</td>
<td>444-555* in 3 Elective subjects, plus English Level 4/5 or IELTS 6.5/7, plus Level 3 in core subjects</td>
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<td>University of Warwick</td>
<td>Average 555 in 3 Elective subjects. Five Level 3s for International HE Foundation programme</td>
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<td>King’s College London</td>
<td>Levels 5 or above for the majority of subjects (decision in progress).</td>
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<td>University of Kent</td>
<td>Two subjects, at Level 5 and 4.</td>
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<td>Oxford Brookes University</td>
<td>Undergraduate: 444 to 554 for Core or Elective subjects. International foundation: 333</td>
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<td>Sheffield Hallam University</td>
<td>200 and 320 UCAS points depending on subject. Core and Elective subjects, including Liberal Studies, accepted at Levels 3 and above. Relevant Category B Applied Learning subjects that are “Attained with Distinction” will be accepted instead of 40 UCAS points for each subject gained at that level. English can be counted within the points, with a minimum requirement of Level 4. IELTS at 6-6.5 will be accepted as an alternative.</td>
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Universities that will accept the HKDSE

University of Cambridge:
Dr Geoff Parks, director of admissions: “We welcome the introduction of the Hong Kong Diploma and are now considering the details of our entry requirements in this new system. We aim to publish these in the autumn.”

University College London (UCL)
Professor Michael Worton, Vice-Provost: “The HK diploma marks a significant shift in secondary education. UCL is impressed by the care that has gone into preparing it. We shall be evaluating the diploma carefully with a view to indicating in detail UCL’s requirements for undergraduate admission by September 2010.”
Further information

British Council
www.educationuk/hongkong

HKEAA website

EDB website
New Academic Structure Web Bulletin
http://334.edb.hkedcity.net/EN/index.php
Thank you!

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