

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

McMaster University

A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE																								
	Bachelor Degree Programmes	UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)	UG Foundation Programme (if applicable)																					
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful completion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) ● Secondary 6 level with passes in at least 4 compulsory subjects plus at least 2 academic electives from Category "A" or "C" ● McMaster University will not consider transfer credits for HKDSE ● Specific course equivalents for typical mandatory academic prerequisite subjects for programs at McMaster include: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Subject</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Ontario High School Course Code</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Hong Kong Equivalent Secondary 6</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Advanced Functions</td> <td>MHF4U</td> <td>Extended Math with Mathematics Module 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calculus</td> <td>MCV4U</td> <td>Extended Math with Mathematics Module 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Biology</td> <td>SBI4U</td> <td>Biology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chemistry</td> <td>SCH4U</td> <td>Chemistry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physics</td> <td>SPH4U</td> <td>Physics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>English</td> <td>ENG4U</td> <td>English Language</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Important Notes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Minimum final grades of 4 in all specific mandatory prerequisite subjects for your selected program are required. Some programs may require higher grades for consideration.</i> ● <i>English as a Second Language (ESL) will not satisfy the academic English course requirements.</i> 	Subject	Ontario High School Course Code	Hong Kong Equivalent Secondary 6	Advanced Functions	MHF4U	Extended Math with Mathematics Module 1	Calculus	MCV4U	Extended Math with Mathematics Module 2	Biology	SBI4U	Biology	Chemistry	SCH4U	Chemistry	Physics	SPH4U	Physics	English	ENG4U	English Language	N/A	N/A
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2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.	http://future.mcmaster.ca/admission/admission-requirements/	N/A	N/A
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B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE

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	TOEFL(Test of English as a Foreign Language) www.toefl.com	IBT: 86 overall with a minimum score of 20 on each of the four components (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening) Valid for 2 years	N/A	N/A
	IELTS(International English Language Testing System)	6.5 Overall with a minimum score of 5.0 in each of the four components (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening)		
	MELAB(Michigan English Language Assessment Battery)	85 Overall Valid for 2 years		
	CAEL(Canadian Academic English Language)	70 Overall Valid for 1 year		
	PTE (Academic): Pearson Test of English Academic	60 Overall with minimum score of 60 in Writing and Speaking		

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?	We do not require additional information provided in the SLP.
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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?	Apply online through Ontario Universities Application Centre (www.ouac.on.ca) High School transcripts for all programs Additional documents are required by <u>Arts and Science Program</u> Supplementary Documents/Applications: Mandatory supplementary application due February 1, 2014. To be completed on-line: http://artsci.os.mcmaster.ca/supplementary-application <u>Health Sciences Program</u> Supplementary Documents / Applications: Mandatory supplementary application due February 1, 2014. To be completed on-line: www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/bhsc/
2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?	Admission to the first year programs is based on students' academic requirements.

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.	McMaster recognizes the achievements of all undergraduate in-course students, including international students, throughout their university studies with In-Course, Travel and Community Contribution Awards. Some awards are determined by Faculty/program using a variety of factors including academic accomplishment, leadership, and extracurricular activities. A number of awards require an application (including some Faculty-specific awards.) The majority of awards are determined on the basis of grades only and require no application. http://sfas.mcmaster.ca/scholarshipinfo.html
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**Normally, students who have completed secondary education in Hong Kong holding the HKDSE should have reached the age of 18.*

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