

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

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE			
	Bachelor Degree Programmes	UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)	UG Foundation Programme (if applicable)
1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution. Example: <i>Level _____ in _____ (number) subjects, including (names of subjects)</i>	Successful completion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) with 4 core subjects plus 2 or 3 academic elective subjects from Category A or Category C with program-specific requirements at: https://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/admission-requirements	N/A	N/A
2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.	https://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/admission-requirements	N/A	N/A
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	HKDSE English is required for admission, but students will still have to provide results from an English Language Proficiency Test as well. More information can be found below: http://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/admission-requirements/english-language-requirements	N/A	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?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Waterloo's Admission Information Form (AIF) is a requirement for many programs and strongly recommended for others.</p> <p>More information can be found here:</p> <p>http://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/admission-information-form</p>
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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?	English Language Proficiency Test and predicted or interim or mid-term grades when available.
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<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>Volunteer activities, leadership skills, entrepreneurial activities and community involvement.</p>
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<p>E. Other Information</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Residence is guaranteed to all first year students entering Waterloo directly from high school provided they accept their offer of admission and pay the residence deposit by the deadline stated on their offer.</p> <p>Entrance scholarships are awarded to international students.</p> <p>Additional information for future students can be found here: www.uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/</p> <p>For students who are academically admissible but have English Language Proficiency Test scores below our requirements, we may consider for admission to one of our English language bridging programs. More information can be found below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bridge to Academic Success in English (BASE) is available for all faculties except Mathematics. Information is here: http://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/base ● Math/English Language for Academic Studies (ELAS) is available for students in Mathematics. Information is here: www.math.uwaterloo.ca/elas

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

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