

**Admission Requirements for Holders of
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)**

University of Otago

A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE			
	Foundation Year Programme		
1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.	For HKDSE Secondary 6 Students/ Graduates	Foundation	Three HKDSE subjects at level 2, excluding Chinese Language i.e. 6 points (2,2,2)
		Bridging & Foundation	Two HKDSE subjects at level 2, excluding Chinese Language i.e. 5 points (2,2,1)
2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirements.	https://www.otago.ac.nz/uolcfy/foundation-year/index.html		
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 alternative language qualifications that demonstrate the applicants' English standard for admission to your institution.	For HKDSE Secondary 6 Students/ Graduates	Foundation	Minimum a level 3 in HKDSE English Language and/or IELTS 5.5 or equivalent
		Bridging & Foundation	Minimum a level 3 in HKDSE English Language and/or IELTS 5.0 or equivalent
C. Student Learning Profile (SLP)			
<i>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.)</i>			
1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing application for admission?	Yes. We consider every application on a case-by-case basis. We are particularly interested in student attendance, work habits and performance across all subjects.		

D. Other Information	
1. What is the information, apart from SLP, needed to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?	<p>HKDSE Examinations Results Notice by the HKEAA;</p> <p>IELTS Certificate where appropriate;</p> <p>Official school report transcripts with teacher comments can be helpful</p>
2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?	<p>English language ability;</p> <p>Commitment to full attendance;</p> <p>Work habits;</p> <p>Resilience</p>
3. 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>The University of Otago Foundation Year is a 26-week programme of two 13 week semesters. Students who successfully complete the 10 papers required are awarded the Foundation Studies Certificate. This certificate guarantees students entry to their chosen University of Otago first-year course and is recognised by all New Zealand universities as an entrance qualification.</p> <p>There are three intakes each year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February to October; • June to February and • October to June. <p>Students may study any one of the four academic streams that align with the four University of Otago academic divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business/Commerce • Health Science • Arts/Humanities • Science/Applied Science/Life Science. <p>Students wishing to study Health Sciences must start in either February or June. All other students may start in any of the three intakes.</p> <p>*Students at Secondary 5 can also apply for the foundation year programme. For details, please contact: uolcfy.admissions@otago.ac.nz</p>

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

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