

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

**University of Cambridge**

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
	<b>Bachelor Degree/ Undergraduate Programme</b>	<b>International Foundation/ Diploma/ UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)</b>	<b>Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)</b>
1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.  Example:  <i>Level (1 – 5/5*/5**) in ___ (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or  UCAS points required (if applicable)</i>	Candidates taking the HKDSE are typically expected to attain Level 5 in all core subjects and Level 5* in the most relevant core subjects, along with 5*55 or 5*5*5 in their elective subjects. We may also ask them to obtain Level 5** in one relevant core or elective subject.	N/A	N/A
2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirements.	<a href="#">Information for applicants from Hong Kong   Undergraduate Study (cam.ac.uk)</a>	N/A	N/A
<b>B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
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.	Candidates' competence in English Language is assessed on an individual basis during our admissions process. However, most students taking the HKDSE will be required to complete an additional qualification such as IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge Proficiency or Advanced, as detailed on our <a href="#">website</a> .	N/A	N/A

### 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 application for admission?	We do not routinely consider information provided in the SLP.
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### D. Other Information

1. What is the information, apart from SLP, needed to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?	<p>Applicants must submit both a UCAS application (including a course-appropriate personal statement and a school reference) and a Cambridge-specific additional questionnaire (including a school transcript) as detailed in the <a href="#">Applying to Cambridge</a> section of our website.</p> <p>Certain courses also require applicants to complete a written assessment and/or to submit examples of written work.</p> <p>Applicants who have experienced significant educational disruption may supply an Extenuating Circumstances Form.</p> <p>We do not make offers to any candidate who has not attended interview, and run a special <a href="#">interview scheme</a> for students applying to Cambridge from Hong Kong in some subjects.</p>
2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?	<p>Academic ability and potential are key to Cambridge admissions decisions; we do not require information relating to general personal qualities such as team-working or leadership, and we do not consider extra-curricular activity in our assessment process. Advice for referees is provided in the <a href="#">School/College</a> reference section of our website.</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>Students holding the HKDSE who are permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region may apply for a <a href="#">Prince Philip Scholarship</a>. Offer-holders from outside the UK in financial need may apply for a <a href="#">Cambridge Trust Scholarship</a>. Some individual Cambridge Colleges also offer awards for students from Hong Kong or for offer-holders from outside the UK, generally.</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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