

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

Durham University

A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE			
	Bachelor Degree/ Undergraduate Programme	International Foundation/ Diploma/ UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)	Other Higher Education Programmes (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 (1 – 5/5*/5**) in ___ (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or UCAS points required (if applicable)</i></p>	<p>Level 3 in English Language, Liberal Studies and Mathematics PLUS 3 additional elective subjects. The level a student needs to achieve in their electives will depend on the entrance requirements for the course they are applying to.</p> <p>Levels for the elective subjects will match the UK A level equivalencies are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A*A*A at A level = 5*5*5 ● A*AA at A level = 5*55 ● AAA at A level = 555 ● AAB at A level = 555 ● ABB at A level = 554 <p>Applicants who achieve level 3 or higher in English Language, and Liberal Studies, and level 5*5 or 55 (depending on the chosen course) in core Mathematics, Algebra & Calculus (M2) plus 2 Category A elective subjects can be considered if they match the UK A level equivalencies as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A*A*A at A level = 5*5* ● A*AA at A level = 5*5 ● AAA at A level = 55 ● AAB at A level = 55 ● ABB at A level = 54 <p>For programmes which require A level Mathematics at Grade A, applicants will be expected to obtain at least a 5* in core Mathematics and a 5 in Algebra & Calculus (M2).</p>	<p>Level 3 or higher in English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies PLUS 2 elective subjects at levels 44 or higher</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p>www.durham.ac.uk/courses</p>		

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.	IELTS 6.5 – 7.0 (no element below band 6.0) depending on programme	IELTS 6.0 (no element below 5.5) or equivalent; Foundation with Law requires IELTS 6.5 (no element below 6.0)	N/A
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?	SLP may enhance the student's profile.		
D. Other Information			
1. What is the information, apart from SLP, needed to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?	Personal statement		
2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?	An outward looking personality, a passion for their subject, and a strong well-rounded portfolio of extracurricular activities.		
3. Please provide further information (if any) regarding undergraduate studies at your Institution (such as scholarship etc.)	N/A		

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