

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

King's College London

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, please specify)
<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>	<p><i>General entry criteria:</i></p> <p>The majority of our degree programmes will accept the HKDSE, and will ask for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 4 in four core subjects <p><i>In addition to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 5 in three elective subjects (555). A small number of programmes will require 5*55. <p>Specific subjects may be required or recommended (depending on the degree programme). These will be listed in our online prospectus as Compulsory or Preferred subjects. Compulsory subjects must be taken as an Elective. Preferred subjects do not have to be taken as an Elective, but if taken, may provide an advantage for competitive programmes.</p> <p><i>Exceptions</i></p> <p>Programmes which list Mathematics A-Level as a compulsory subject are likely to require level 5*-5 in Extended Mathematics and Compulsory Mathematics. It is recommended that these students take the M2 option within Extended Mathematics in order to make both a competitive application and smooth transition to King's undergraduate programmes.</p> <p>Applicants should see the King's website www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus for individual course details in case of any additional entry criteria.</p>	N/A	N/A
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p>All applicants should carefully check specific entry requirements for their desired programme (including details of any admissions tests, work experience, funding eligibility, and non-academic criteria) carefully at www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus</p>	N/A	N/A

B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE

<p>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</p>	<p>King's is currently reviewing the acceptability of the English core of the HKDSE for demonstrating English language proficiency, but would likely be looking for at least a 5 or 5*.</p> <p>However a full list of acceptable tests may be found on our website at www.kcl.ac.uk/study/ug/admissions/language/english.aspx .</p> <p>Tests currently include IELTS and PTE Academic. Please note that requirements may be subject to change over time due to UK Visas & Immigration requirement updates</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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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.)

<p>1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing applications for admission?</p>	<p>Relevant information from the SLP should be included in the UCAS form via the personal statement and teacher's reference.</p> <p>Applicants may wish to refer to any 'Highly desirable' or 'desirable' activities, experiences or skills listed in the 'Entry requirements' page of their programme prospectus entry (www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus)</p>
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D. Other Information

<p>1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?</p>	<p>A complete UCAS application form. A complete form should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal statement • An academic reference • Details of any qualifications completed • Details of any qualifications due to be completed before starting the programme • For applicants applying to Music, details of any graded music examinations <p>Confirmation that any required Aptitude test has been taken/arranged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants for a Medicine or Dentistry programme must take the UKCAT by October 15th. • Law applicants (including Politics, Philosophy & Law) must take the LNAT by 15th January • Applicants for Maths who have taken STEP should ensure this information is included in their application. <p>For further guidance on aptitude tests see www.kcl.ac.uk/study/ug/admissions/guidance.aspx.</p> <p>Any other information requested for a specific programme, as detailed in the online prospectus entry under 'Entry Requirements' or 'Applying, Fees & Funding': see www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus</p>
<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>Scholastic activities, community activities, general interests, and any relevant work shadowing or voluntary work undertaken.</p> <p>If an applicant's education has been adversely affected by circumstances beyond their control (e.g. period of serious illness or absence) we ask that the academic referee mention this in the UCAS reference.</p>

<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>	<p>King's</p> <p>Further information which will be useful for applicants from Hong Kong can be found at www.kcl.ac.uk/hongkong . This includes links to application guidance, visits and fairs, student profiles, and useful contacts. There is also a link here to 'Funding', including guidance on applying to our Hong Kong Scholarships.</p> <p>UCAS</p> <p>All applications are to be made through the UCAS online application system. UCAS has guidance for international students here: http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/international</p> <p>An overview of information for Chinese-speaking students and their advisors can be downloaded here: www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/guide-to-studying-in-the-uk-chinese.pdf</p>
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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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