

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

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON**

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
	<b>Bachelor Degree Programmes</b>	<b>International Foundation Programmes (if applicable)</b>	<b>* Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)</b>
<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>4 Core subjects: English, Chinese, Mathematics Compulsory Part and Liberal Studies and 2 best electives are considered for admissions. Level 3 in English and level 3 in Mathematics Compulsory Part are required.</p> <p>Level 3 or higher is required for admissions to College of Science and Mathematics (CSM) and College of Liberal Arts (CLA).</p> <p>Admissions to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Management and the Engineering Program within the College of Science and Mathematics, requires a minimum of level 4 or higher average to be considered for admissions.</p>	NA	<p>4 Core subjects: Chinese, English, Mathematics Compulsory Part and Liberal Studies and 2 best electives from 20 NSS subjects or from the applied learning courses.</p> <p>Level 2 or higher is required for admission to CLA, CSM and College of Management (CM).</p>
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.umb.edu/admissions/ug/international/apply/">http://www.umb.edu/admissions/ug/international/apply/</a></p>	NA	<p><a href="http://www.umb.navitas.com/enroll-today/admissions-requirements">http://www.umb.navitas.com/enroll-today/admissions-requirements</a></p>

## 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 requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard.</p>	<p>Students must submit SAT scores or ACT scores. A minimum TOEFL of 80iBT or a score of 6 in IELTS is required if SAT verbal below 450.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>No SAT or ACT scores required.</p> <p>IELTS: Direct entry (UPP) 5.5; Mixed English (MEP) 5.0; Intensive full-time English (ESL) 4.5 or lower</p> <p>TOEFL: Direct entry (UPP) 525/196/69; Mixed English (MEP) 500/173/59; Intensive full-time English (ESL) 475/152/49 or lower</p> <p>Pearson Versant Test: Direct entry 50; Mixed English 46; Intensive full time English Program 38 or lower</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>For more information about applying to Navitas at UMass Boston, please visit the following website: <a href="http://www.umb.navitas.com/enroll-today/admissions-requirements">http://www.umb.navitas.com/enroll-today/admissions-requirements</a></p> <p>For direct admissions to the University, please visit the following website for information about applying as a first year freshman: <a href="http://www.umb.edu/admissions">www.umb.edu/admissions</a></p>
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## D. Information needed before release of HKDSE results:

<p>1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?</p>	<p>For more information about applying to Navitas at UMass Boston, please visit the following website: <a href="http://www.umb.navitas.com/enroll-today/admissions-requirements">http://www.umb.navitas.com/enroll-today/admissions-requirements</a></p> <p>For direct admissions to the University, please visit the following website for information about applying as a first year freshman: <a href="http://www.umb.edu/admissions">www.umb.edu/admissions</a></p>
<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>For direct admissions to UMass Boston, school involvement such as extracurricular activities, leadership, potential to succeed in college, good communication skills, and good writing skills are what we would like to see in a candidate.</p>

## E. Other Information

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.

For information about your application status please click here:

[http://www.umb.edu/admissions/ug/check\\_application\\_status](http://www.umb.edu/admissions/ug/check_application_status)

For information about International Student Support Services and visa information please click here:

<http://www.umb.edu/academics/oita/>

<http://www.umb.edu/academics/oita/isss/>

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

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