

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

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

<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</i></p> <p><i>UCAS points required including (names of subjects)</i></p>	<p>American University takes a holistic approach to the admissions process. While there are no minimum grade requirements, to be competitive a student should achieve Level 4 and Level 5 scores in the core subjects and at least one elective subject.</p>	NA	NA
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.american.edu/admissions/international">www.american.edu/admissions/international</a></p>	NA	NA
<b>B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
<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>TOEFL iBT- 80 (90 iBT recommended to be competitive) with minimum subscores of 20.</p> <p>IELTS- 6.5 with minimum subscores 6.0.</p> <p>Pearsons- 53</p>	NA	NA

### 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 applications for admission?

Yes.

### D. Information needed before release of HKDSE results:

1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?

1. Common application including supplement and fee
2. Proof of English proficiency
3. Proof of sufficient funds
4. Two letters of recommendation

[www.american.edu/admissions/international](http://www.american.edu/admissions/international)

2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?

Strong leadership, active involvement in community, excellent communication and writing skills in English.

### 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.

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International students are considered for partial merit based scholarships only.  
Need based aid for international students is not available at AU.

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

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