

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

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
	<b>Undergraduate Programme</b>	<b>UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)</b>	<b>UG Foundation Programme (if applicable)</b>
1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.  Example:  <i>Level 5 and Level 4 in 2 elective subjects other than English Language</i>	Level 3 or higher in the 4 core subjects; and level 3 or higher in at least 2 Category A NSS elective subjects (that would be appropriate preparation for the student's intended field of study).  Students with scores below level 3 may be admissible; their applications will be reviewed by a special committee on a case-by-case basis.	N/A	N/A
2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirements.	Please visit <a href="http://www.buffalo.edu/InternationalAdmissions">http://www.buffalo.edu/InternationalAdmissions</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 requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TOEFL: 79</li> <li>● IELTS: 6.5</li> <li>● PTE Academic: 55</li> <li>● ACT English and Reading: 20</li> <li>● SAT Critical Reading: 500</li> </ul> <p>For other accepted tests, information about minimum section scores, and special conditional admission for students with lower scores, please visit <a href="http://www.buffalo.edu/InternationalAdmissions">http://www.buffalo.edu/InternationalAdmissions</a></p>	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?

N/A

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

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

- Internal class marks for the three years of Senior Secondary Education
- Predicted HKDSE results (if available)
- English language proficiency demonstrated through TOEFL, IELTS, ACT, SAT or other exams (learn more at <http://www.buffalo.edu/InternationalAdmissions>)
- Teacher Recommendation
- Personal Essay
- SAT or ACT are recommended but not required (however, some programs such as engineering require minimum SAT / ACT scores for direct admission)

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

- Examples of characteristics or activities that demonstrate
- perseverance
  - research capabilities
  - independence
  - academic integrity

### 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.

- Visit <http://www.buffalo.edu/InternationalAdmissions> for information about:
- Scholarships (UB awards more than one million dollars each year to academically talented international students),
  - Hands-on undergraduate research opportunities,
  - Internships and Co-op Programs

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

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