



New UCAS Tariff (2017) for HKDSE and Other International Qualifications

The UCAS Tariff is a useful reference for institutions in the United Kingdom (UK) to understand the standards of qualifications from different education systems.

With reference to the Tariff points assigned, applications for admission to UK universities can be assessed on a common scale. However, not all institutions use UCAS Tariff to make offer. Universities and colleges may set specific entry requirements for their higher education courses. Many will offer places subject to applicants meeting specific conditions. These conditional offers are generally made based on qualification grades and/or UCAS Tariff points.

Tariff points awarded to the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and major qualifications offered by different countries are shown in the table below.

2017 UCAS Tariff	HKDSE	GCE A level ¹	IB ² (Higher Level)	AP ³
56	5**	A*	7	
52	5*			
48	5	A	6	
44				
40		B		
36				
32	4	C	5	
28				5
24		D	4	4
20				3
16	3	E		2
12			3	1

¹ General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A level)

² International Baccalaureate (IB)

³ Advanced Placement (AP)