



UCAS Presentation

September 6th, 2017





Entry Requirements

How to 'read' requirements:

- ◉ Prospectus/website
- ◉ Required subjects at ***Higher***
- ◉ First or second sitting?
- ◉ National 5 entry requirements (e.g. Maths at National 5)





Choices

S6 – More Highers, re-sits, or Advanced Highers?

Very individual – contact the university and ask for specifics

Some universities count a subject twice – achieved at Higher and then Advanced Higher
(e.g. Glasgow will; Stirling will not)

Edinburgh & Aberdeen universities sends letters to pupils to say they must not “drop” a subject once they have an offer – increasingly common practice





The tables below detail the S5 Standard Entry Requirements and Minimum Entry Requirements, and the cumulative grades required for applicants who receive a Conditional Offer for entry to the University after S6. Please see the notes that follow the table for further explanation/clarification:

Subject Area	Qualification	S5 STANDARD Entry Requirements	S5 MINIMUM Entry Requirements	S6 Entry Requirements	Other Mandatory Requirements
Accountancy & Finance	B.Acc or BSc	AAAAB	ABBB	AAAAAB	Maths and English or a Humanities at grades A/B or B/A
Arts/Modern Languages/BD Theology/Ministry	MA, BD	AAAA or AAABB	ABBB	AAAAAB	English and a Humanities at grades A/B or B/A
Engineering	M.Eng	AAAAA	AAAA or AAABB including Maths	AAAAAA	Must include Maths and Physics both at grade A
Engineering	B.Eng	AAAA or AAABB including Maths and Physics at Grades A/B or B/A.	ABBB	AAAAAB Must have Maths in S5 and Physics at Grades A/B or B/A by the end of S6.	Entry from S5 requires Maths and Physics at grades A/B or B/A. Entry from S6 will require applicants to have Maths in S5 and Physics at grades A/B or B/A by the end of S6



Environmental Stewardship (Dumfries Campus)	BSc	BBBB	No S5 Minimum	BBBB	Preferable that applicants have one or two at grade B from: Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computing Studies, Geography, Geology, Human Biology, Information Systems, Managing Environmental Resources, Mathematics or Physics.
Health & Social Policy (Dumfries Campus)	MA	ABB/BBBB	No Minimum	ABB/BBBB	
Music	B.Mus	AAAB	None	AAAB	Including Music Required Performance level is Merit in grade 8 Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music practical exams. ABRSM grade 5 Theory considered in place of Higher Music. Audition and Interview.



Psychology	BSc, MA, MA Soc Sci	AAAAB	AABB	AAAAAA	<p>BSc: Must include Maths and one other science subject at grade A/B or B/A.</p> <p>MA Arts: Must include English and either a humanities subject or language at grades A/B or B/A. Must also include Mathematics at grade B or above.</p> <p>MA Soc Sci: Must include either English or a humanities subject at grades A or B. Must also include Mathematics at grade B or above.</p>
Science / Life Sciences	BSc, Msci	AAAA or AAABB	ABBB	AAAAAB	<p>Must include 2 science subjects one of which is relevant to the programme applied for. Please see www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/ for specific subject requirements for each programme.</p>
Social Sciences	MA Soc Sci	AAAAB	AABB	AAAAAA	<p>Must include English OR a humanities subject at grades A or B.</p>





Multiple Applications

Applicants should be discouraged from submitting multiple applications to the same College/School/Faculty within the same university

Students are reminded that it is best to contact Admissions staff for specific information



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touch.



Personal Statement

- Students will be given a set of help sheets –
further advice available online
- 5 paragraphs
 1. **Maturity** (School Experience/Responsibilities/Extra-curricular)
 2. **Academic Attainment** – linking to knowledge & skills
 3. **Commitment** (Relevant Work Experience/Personal Qualities/Interests & Wider Achievement)
 4. **Knowledge** (Choice of course & Career Aspirations)
 5. **Summary Paragraph**





Example

Extra-curricular Activities/Responsibilities

“During this past school year I have taken on various responsibilities, all of which I feel have added to my skills. I am a buddy to an S1 pupil and every week I have to support them in registration, which has improved my mentoring skills as well as my inter-personal skills with those younger than me. I do paired reading with a younger pupil twice a week, which I find very rewarding as I am able to watch him gain confidence in his reading. Finally, I am a co-editor of the school magazine. I am finding this to be quite challenging, especially to fit in with all my schoolwork, but it is proving to be very enjoyable and a test to my organisational abilities.”





Example

Work Experience - General

“My part time job as a waiter has provided me with the opportunity to meet and work with new people. As I have worked in the same job for two years, I have helped train new members of staff, which has helped my leadership skills. I really enjoy the contact with the public which is part of this job. Although this can be challenging, I feel it has given me more confidence and improved my communication skills.”





Card details - Windows Internet Explorer

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Choice summary

Choice 1:	Amersham & Wycombe College (A55)	Acting & Performance (094W)
Choice 2:	University of Cambridge (C05)	Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic (QQ59)

Fee summary

Fee for multiple choice: £23

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How Decisions Are Made

The information contained within the UCAS application is used:

Qualifications in context – subjects & grades

Personal Statement

Reference

Interviews normally for only a very small range of programmes:

Art, Design, Teacher/Community Education, Music, Veterinary Medicine, Oral Health Science plus graduate or mature entrants to Medicine.

Not all applicants will be called to interview

Portfolios for Art & Design (sometimes Architecture)

UKCAT – Medicine only

LNAT – Law

Vets now complete the Work Experience Summary form





ECA mini portfolio

A digital mini portfolio is required for all programmes in Art & Design

Students start mini portfolio after applying via UCAS – personal ID required

Guidance available online

Different requirements depending on programme applied for - images, movie clips and text can be added in stages

Staff review applications & mini portfolios before deciding who to invite to bring their full portfolio to Applicant Days in late February/early March





Timeline

August	All students timetabled for the IT Room and given a tutorial on the electronic application
6 September	Information Evening for Parents/Pupils
Sept-Nov	Open Days
6 October (start of October holiday)	Deadline for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary and Oxford/Cambridge
30 November 2017	Internal deadline for all UCAS applications





THIS WAY

THAT WAY

ANOTHER WAY



Routes to Degree Level Qualifications

- College
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Employment with part-time study





College

- HNC/HCD courses are offered at colleges.
- HNC are 1 year courses & HND are 2 year courses
- Entry requirements are usually 1-2 Highers.
- Many careers require HNC/D qualifications.
- Apply for HNC/HND as back-up if university entry is dependent on S6 results.





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