

Applying to university with Cambridge qualifications

Key advice for students

- **Check admissions criteria before applying:** Admissions criteria vary between institutions and courses, and are subject to change. In countries such as the US and Canada, students with good grades in Cambridge qualifications may also be eligible for course credits or advanced standing, reducing the length and cost of their studies.
- **Confirm language requirements:** Students planning to follow an academic course delivered in English may have to demonstrate a specific level of English language proficiency as part of the admissions process. Cambridge qualifications are often accepted as evidence of such proficiency.
- **Research target destinations:** Students planning to study in a different country will also need to undertake detailed research into issues ranging from visa requirements to local culture.



Over **2000** institutions worldwide in 95 countries accept Cambridge qualifications

Over **825** US universities accept Cambridge qualifications, including all the Ivy League

All UK universities accept Cambridge qualifications

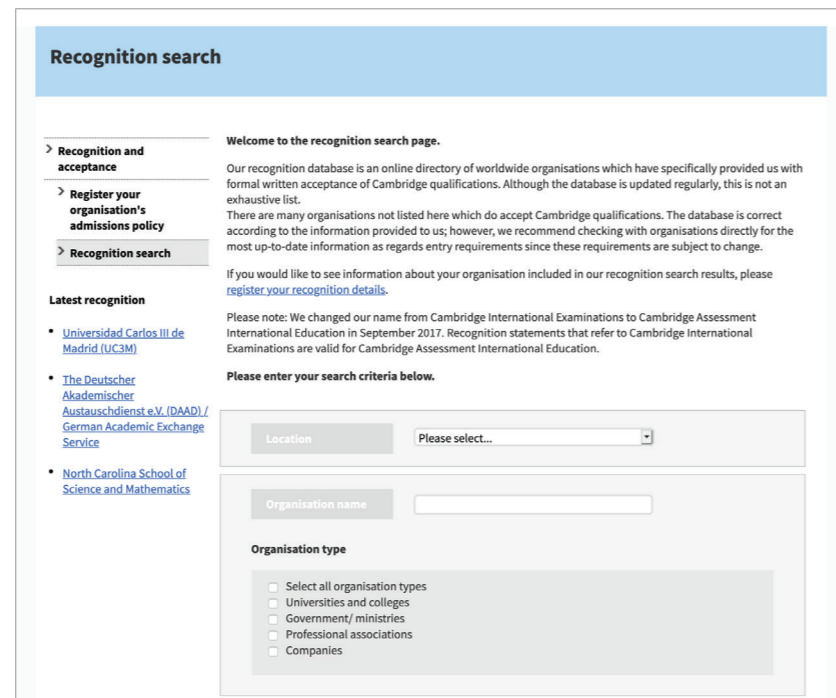
Useful resources

Recognition database

Search our online directory to find out which universities worldwide recognise Cambridge qualifications, and see their entry criteria. Go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch

Country-specific guidance

We publish a range of Destination brochures to give students advice on applying to institutions in countries including Australia, Canada, India, Pakistan, South Africa, the UK and US. You can also find videos on our website filmed in popular student destinations, with advice from admissions officers and former Cambridge students.



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Globally recognised qualifications

Success in Cambridge qualifications opens doors to universities worldwide. Universities tell us they value the deep subject knowledge, independent research and critical thinking skills that Cambridge qualifications bring.

This guide summarises the key admissions requirements for study in popular destinations for Cambridge students. It also highlights some of the higher education institutions that recognise Cambridge qualifications. For a more comprehensive list, search our recognition database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch

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100% of university admissions officers say Cambridge programmes give students excellent preparation for university

Cambridge International survey of admissions officers, 2018

Destination	Key admissions information	Recognising institutions include:
	Most universities recognise Cambridge qualifications from IGCSEs to the AICE Diploma. • Cambridge qualifications can earn exemptions, for example from proof of English language ability, or direct entry purposes.	• Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires • Universidad Argentina de la Empresa • Universidad Austral • Universidad de San Andrés • Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
	• All universities under the Universities Australia umbrella, including the Group of Eight coalition of top universities, recognise Cambridge qualifications. • Typically, three A Level passes at minimum Grade C are required for entry to university.	• Australian National University • University of Queensland • University of Sydney • University of Melbourne • University of New South Wales.
	• Over 60 Canadian universities recognise Cambridge qualifications. • Students with at least two A Levels can apply to Canadian universities and colleges, but students must check before applying as admissions criteria vary by institution and course.	• Concordia University • McGill University • University of Alberta • University of British Columbia • University of Saskatchewan.
	Most universities recognise Cambridge qualifications at IGCSE and AS & A Levels, which can also earn exemptions from proof of English language ability.	• Universidad de los Andes • Universidad Javeriana • Universidad ICESI • Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana • Universidad del Norte
	• For the majority of courses, most universities require eight IGCSE subjects at minimum Grade C, plus one A Level subject at minimum Grade D (eight IGCSEs + one A Level or eight IGCSEs + two AS Levels). Subject-specific requirements apply depending on the chosen field of study. • Students must also pass the Ministry of Education exams in Arabic, Religious Studies and Social Studies.	• Supreme Council of Universities • Heliopolis University • American University in Cairo.

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 Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study in Germany requires four academic subjects, three of which should be at A Level standard. The choice of subjects must include a language plus mathematics or a natural science. Subject-specific requirements also apply depending on the chosen field of study. Find full details on the anabin database of the Central Office for Foreign Education at www.anabin.kmk.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München Freie Universität Berlin RWTH Aachen Universität zu Köln Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg SDI München.
 Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hong Kong universities are very familiar with Cambridge qualifications. Typically, universities ask for three A Levels, with some universities accepting two AS Levels or five/six IGCSEs as equivalent to one of the three A Levels. Cambridge IGCSE™ English Language or English Literature provides required proof of linguistic ability at a number of universities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hong Kong University of Science and Technology University of Hong Kong Chinese University of Hong Kong City University of Hong Kong Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
 India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Association of Indian Universities has granted equivalence to Cambridge International A Level and Cambridge IGCSE. Universities typically require three A Levels. Entry through national entrance tests may have higher requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Delhi University of Calcutta University of Hyderabad University of Mumbai University of Bangalore.
 Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public and private universities are very familiar with Cambridge qualifications – many students apply successfully to private universities, but places are limited in state universities. Typical admissions requirements are three A Levels, but as criteria vary by institution and course students should check before applying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Malaya Universiti Sains Malaysia Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS Taylor's University.
 Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge qualifications are recognised by many universities in the Netherlands. Students applying to a research university must pass three IGCSEs (at Grade C and above) and three A Levels in six different subjects. Students applying to universities of applied sciences must pass four IGCSEs (at Grade C and above) and two AS Levels in six different subjects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delft University of Technology Leiden University University of Amsterdam Saxion University of Applied Sciences Utrecht University.
 New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All New Zealand universities recognise Cambridge International A Levels. Typical entry requirements are three A Levels with at least one at Grade C or better. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Auckland University of Canterbury Victoria University of Wellington Waikato Institute of Technology.

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 Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge qualifications are widely recognised by universities across Pakistan, and by the Government of Pakistan. Qualification equivalence is established by the Ministry of Education and can change – students should check entry criteria for both individual institution and course before applying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National University of Sciences and Technology University of Health Sciences University of Engineering and Technology Lahore Dow Medical College.
 Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge qualifications are widely recognised by universities in Singapore. The application process for public universities is highly competitive – Cambridge students will generally need at least four very strong International A Level grades. Some universities also ask for SAT scores and proof of English ability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National University of Singapore Nanyang Technological University Singapore Management University.
 South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge qualifications are widely accepted by universities in South Africa. Students need to qualify for a certificate of exemption issued by Universities South Africa (USAf), a requirement to pursue first degree studies in South Africa. Grading and subject grouping requirements for the exemption can be found at www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Cape Town University of Pretoria Stellenbosch University University of the Western Cape.
 Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study in Spain requires five IGCSE/O Level subjects at Grade C or above plus at least three A Levels with a minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points. Up to a maximum of four AS & A Level qualifications can be submitted, i.e., two A Levels + two AS Levels, three A Levels, three A Levels + one AS Level or four A Levels. Information on applying with international qualifications can be found at www.unedasiss.uned.es/home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCP Europe Business School – Madrid campus IE University – Madrid and Segovia campuses.
 UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UAE Ministry of Education recognises Cambridge qualifications for university entrance. Students must have a Grade E or above in at least five IGCSEs or O Levels, plus two AS Levels or one A level at Grade D or above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American University of Sharjah Khalifa University American University in Dubai University of Sharjah Zayed University.
 UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge qualifications are recognised by UK universities. Universities typically require three A Levels. Different courses require different grades and subject combinations, so students should check entry criteria for both individual institution and course before applying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Oxford University of Cambridge Imperial College London University College London The University of Manchester.
 USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge qualifications are widely recognised by US universities, including Ivy League and Ivy Plus institutions. As entry requirements, exemption options, and/or credit arrangements can vary, students should check entry criteria for both individual institution and course before applying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stanford University Harvard University Caltech University of Chicago Princeton University.