

General Certificate of Education (GCE)

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who have completed or are undertaking the General Certificate of Education (GCE) and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

About the General Certificate of Education

The General Certificate of Education (GCE) is a secondary qualification awarded in the United Kingdom. The GCE program comprises of 6 units, with the first year consisting of 3 units of Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS Level) subjects, and the second year consisting of 3 units of A2 subjects. Upon successful completion of the two year program students are issued with the award of GCE Advanced Levels (A Levels).

The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), formerly known as GCE Ordinary (O) Levels, is the lower secondary qualification that is undertaken before progressing to GCE A Levels.

Entry requirements

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program[†])

[†] Selection ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

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Satisfying subject prerequisites

The successful completion of the following GCE A Level and GCSE/O Level subjects will meet the listed subject prerequisites for entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ.

GCE/GCSE Subject	QLD Year 12 Subjects
English Language or English Literature (A/AS Level) Any 'English' subject (GCSE/O Level)	English (4,SA)
Mathematics (GCSE/O Level)	Mathematics A (4,SA)
Mathematics (A or AS Level)	Mathematics B (4,SA)
Mathematics (A Level)	Mathematics C (4,SA)
Biology (A/AS Level) or Human and Social Biology (A Level)	Biological Science (4,SA)
Chemistry (A/AS Level)	Chemistry (4,SA)
Physics (A/AS Level)	Physics (4,SA)

Minimum grades required to pass prerequisites:

GCE AS Level and GCSE/O Level subjects: Grade of C or better
GCE A Level subjects: Grade of D or better

Please note that the table above is not exhaustive and a combination of subjects may be accepted. Please contact UQ Admissions for further advice.

Gaining a selection rank

The table on the following page shows how selection ranks are calculated for GCE A/AS Level subjects completed since 2010. For details on how GCE A/AS Level subjects prior to 2010 Cambridge Pre-University, Progression/Advanced Diploma and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) studies are assessed, please contact UQ Admissions.

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General Certificate of Education since 2010 or Comparable Qualifications			
General Certificate of Education 'A' and 'AS' Level ^{b,c,d}			
1 A level subject or 2 AS Level subjects	Aggregate of best 2 A Level subjects or combination of A Level and AS level subjects equivalent to 2 A level subjects	Aggregate of the best 3 A Level subjects or combination of A and AS Level subjects equivalent to 3 A Level subjects	Selection Rank
		17.5	99
		16.5	98
		16.0	97
		15.5	96
		14.5	95
		14.0	94
		13.0	93
		12.5	92
	12.0	12.0	91
	11.0	11.0	90
	10.5	10.5	89
	10.0	10.0	88
	9.0	9.0	87
	8.5	8.5	86
	8.0	8.0	85
	7.0	7.0	84
	6.5	6.5	83
6.0	6.0	6.0	82
5.0	5.0	5.0	81
4.5	4.5	4.5	80
3.5	3.5	3.5	79
3.0	3.0	3.0	78
2.5	2.5		77
1.5	1.5		76
1.0			75

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a Other overseas secondary qualifications may be deemed comparable to GCE A levels (e.g. Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination). Contact UQ Admissions for further information

b Advanced Level: ranks are calculated on the basis that A*=6, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1 and must include results in not more than three subjects at Advanced Level or the equivalent comprising a combination of Advanced, Advanced in Applied subjects, Advanced Subsidiary, and Advanced Subsidiary in Applied subjects. Where results in the same subject are awarded at both Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary level, or more than once at the same level, only one result in the subject will be counted in the aggregate, and this shall be the result that contributes the highest point value to the aggregate.

c Advanced Subsidiary level results may be included in the aggregate and contribute the equivalent of half of a subject taken at Advanced Level A=2.5, B=2, C=1.5, D=1, E=0.5.

d A Level in Applied subjects/AS Level in Applied subjects: ranks are calculated on the following basis:

- A Level in Applied subjects (Double Award) [12 units]: the sum of the two letter grades where: A*=6, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.

- A Level in Applied subjects [6 units]: A*=6, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.

- AS Level in Applied subjects (Double Award) [6 units]: the sum of the two letter grades where: A=2.5, B=2, C=1.5, D=1, E=0.5.

- Advanced Subsidiary/AS Level in Applied subjects [3 units]: A=2.5, B=2, C=1.5, D=1, E=0.5.