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Year One**

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# **NCUK International Year One Entry Requirements**

This guide details the entry requirements for students applying to the NCUK International Year One (IYOne) programmes.

The entry requirements for a number of countries and qualifications are given in the table below. In addition to this, where a student has successfully completed the first year of a bachelor's degree in a relevant subject, from a recognised university, they will usually be acceptable for entry unless the level of a Bachelor's degree in that country is below that of the UK.

### **Entry to IYOne Engineering:**

For entry to IYOne Engineering, students should have passes in both Maths and Physics in the qualification they use for entry.

### **Entry to IYOne Law:**

For entry to IYOne Law, students must be able to show English language ability at IELTS 6.0 by achieving NCUK EAP 'C' grade or holding an acceptable equivalent alternative English language qualification.

### **English Language Requirements:**

The English language entry requirements are outlined in detail in a table at the end of this document. Students should present a form of English language certification as well as the academic qualifications outlined below.

NCUK can arrange for students to take a Password Knowledge test at the Delivery Centre, please contact [centresupport@ncuk.ac.uk](mailto:centresupport@ncuk.ac.uk)

### **Age Requirements:**

Applicants must be 17 years old at the start of the IYOne.

\*Please note that for progression to courses at Leeds University Business School, additional entry qualifications are required, please see [here](#) for more details.

| Country              | Qualification   | International Foundation Year Entry Requirement   |
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| <b>International</b> | NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY)  | Students must achieve two D grades in the NCUK IFY; grades must include a minimum of grade D in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes and a D in Maths for Accounting & Finance routes.          |
|                      | A Levels  | Two D Grades from a UK A-Level board; grades must include a minimum of grade D in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes. For Accounting & Finance routes IGCSE/GCSE grade C Maths is sufficient. |
|                      | International Baccalaureate   | Successful completion with a minimum of 24 points (and award of the full Diploma).  |
|                      | Bellerbys Foundation  | An overall Pass (all modules with a mark of 40% or more).   |
|                      | NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies | Successful completion with an average mark of 50% or more.  |
|                      | ONCAMPUS University Foundation Programme  | Two D Grades in relevant subjects (including Maths and Physics for entry to Engineering routes)   |
|                      | LRN Level 3 Diploma In Pre U Foundation Studies                                     | Successful completion with an overall pass grade. In addition, English language proficiency evidence has to be provided and meet the requirements set out for IYOne programmes.                                   |
| <b>Algeria</b>       | Diplome de Technicien Supérieur   | Successful completion with an average of 10/20 (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths plus a grade of 10 or more in Physics for Engineering routes).  |
| <b>Angola</b>        | Diploma de Ensino Pre Universitario   | Successful completion with an average of 10/20 (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths plus a grade of 10 or more in Physics for Engineering routes).  |
| <b>Argentina</b>     | Titulo de Tecnico Superior / Tecnico Universitario                                  | Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in all subjects  |

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| <b>Australia</b>  | Year 12                                     | Successful completion of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Capital Territory – Australian Capital Territory Year 12</li> <li>• New South Wales – Higher School Certificate (HSC)</li> <li>• Northern Territory – Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE) or Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET)</li> <li>• Queensland – Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)</li> <li>• South Australia – South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)</li> <li>• Tasmania – Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)</li> <li>• Victoria – Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)</li> <li>• Western Australia – Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Bangladesh</b> | Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)          | Successful completion with an overall average of 70% or a GPA of 4.0 or more on a 5.0 scale (with a grade of 70% or more in Maths and English). Students entering via this route may have limited options for progression.  |
| <b>Bangladesh</b> | Bachelor's Degree Year 1                    | Successful completion of the first year of a Bachelors degree in a relevant subject from a recognised university.   |
| <b>Bolivia</b>    | Titulo de Tecnico Universitario Superior    | Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or above (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)  |
| <b>Cameroon</b>   | Brevet de Technicien Supérieur              | Successful completion with an overall Pass.   |
|                   | Diplome Universitaire de Technologie        | Successful completion with an overall Pass.   |
|                   | A Levels                                    | Two D grades; grades must include a minimum of grade D in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes. For Accounting and Finance routes IGCSE/GCSE grade C Maths is sufficient.   |
| <b>Cambodia</b>   | Diploma of Upper Secondary school (Year 12) | Minimum grade of C in 5 relevant subjects.  |

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| <b>Canada</b> | Newfoundland and Labrador – General High School Diploma | Successful completion – a mark of 65% in at least five acceptable subjects at grade 12.                                 |
|               | Nova Scotia – High School Completion Certificate        | Successful completion – an average of 65% in at least five acceptable subjects at level 4 or 5.                         |
|               | Nunavut – High School Graduation Diploma                | Successful completion – an average of at least 50%.   |
|               | Alberta – General High School Diploma                   | Successful completion – an average of at least 65% in five acceptable grade 12 courses.                                 |
|               | New Brunswick – High School Graduation Diploma          | Successful completion – an average of at least 65% in five acceptable subjects.   |
|               | Northwestern Territories – General High School Diploma  | Successful completion – an average of at least 65% in five acceptable grade 12 courses.                                 |
|               | Prince Edward Island – General High School Diploma      | Successful completion – an average of at least 65% in five acceptable grade 12 courses.                                 |
|               | Saskatchewan – Secondary School Diploma                 | Successful completion – at least a 65% grade average in five acceptable subjects.                                       |
|               | Yukon – Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma             | Successful completion – at least five B grades in acceptable grade 12 courses.  |
|               | British Columbia – Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma  | Successful completion – at least five B grades must be awarded in acceptable grade 12 courses.                          |
|               | Manitoba – High School Graduation Diploma               | Successful completion – at least five credits at grade 12 in G F S or A courses.  |
|               | Ontario – Ontario Secondary School Diploma              | Successful completion – if awarded at advanced level with six Grade 12 U U/C or M courses including grade 12 U English. |
|               | Quebec – Diplome d' tudes Secondaires                   | Successful completion – with a mark of 60% in all relevant subjects.  |
| <b>Chile</b>  | Tecnico Universitario                                   | Successful completion with an overall Pass grade.   |

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| China | China Foreign Affairs University Foundation                | Successful completion of the programme with an average grade of 80% or more (with a grade of 70% or more in Maths).   |
|       | Undergraduate Degree Year 1                                | Successful completion of year 1 of an undergraduate degree from a recognised institution with an average mark of 70% or above.  |
|       | Shenzhen University's Foundation Programme                 | <p>To enter any of <b>IYOne Business</b> pathways, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 16 credits from <b>English</b> language subjects with an average mark of 70% or above</li> <li>At least 8 credits from <b>Maths</b> subjects with an average mark of 70% or above</li> <li>At least 14 credits from <b>Business</b> and/or <b>Economics</b> subjects with an average mark of 70% or above</li> </ul> <p>To enter <b>IYOne Law</b> pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 16 credits from <b>English</b> language with an average mark of 80% or above</li> <li>At least 20 credits from other subjects of their choice with an average mark of 80% or above</li> </ul> <p>To enter <b>IYOne Engineering</b> pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 16 credits from <b>English</b> language subjects with an average mark of 70% or above</li> <li>At least 8 credits from <b>Maths</b> subjects with an average mark of 70% or above</li> <li>At least 8 credits from <b>Physics</b> subjects with an average mark of 70% or above</li> <li>At least 6 credits from other subjects with an average mark of 60% or above</li> </ul> |
|       | Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) International Program | <p>To enter any of IYOne Business pathways, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum grade of 50% (Pass) in the HIT International Program</li> <li>Students applying for Accounting &amp; Finance route should have achieved a minimum of 60% for Maths and Calculus subjects.</li> <li>Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient).</li> </ul>  |



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|  | Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) International Program (Year One)          | <p>To enter any of IYOne Business pathways, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass <b>HIT International Program Year 1 modules</b> with the minimum average grade of 60% with no subject less than 50%.</li> <li>• Students applying for Accounting &amp; Finance route should have achieved a minimum of 70% for Maths.</li> </ul> <p>Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient).</p> |
|  | Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS) Undergraduate Year One Program | <p>To enter any of IYOne Business pathways, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass <b>GDUFS Undergraduate Year One Program</b> with the minimum average grade of 70% with no subject less than 60%.</li> <li>• Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient).</li> </ul>  |
|  | OYKE Foundation Programme  | <p>To enter any of IYOne Business pathways, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully complete the <b>OYFE foundation programme</b> with the minimum grade of D+(66%) in all academic subjects, including Maths.</li> <li>• Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5</li> </ul>   |
|  | Shanghai Continuing Education College (SCEC) Dazhuam                           | <p>To enter NCUK IYOne Business programme, Business Management pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass <b>SCEC Dazhuan (18-months)</b> with the minimum grade of 70% in all academic subjects.</li> <li>• Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5</li> </ul>  |
|  | UESTC Foundation Programme   | <p>Successful completion of the UESTC Foundation Programme with a minimum grade PASS in all academic subjects.</p> <p>Students applying for Accounting &amp; Finance route should have achieved a minimum of Grade PASS for Advanced Mathematics 1 and 2.</p>   |

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|                       |  | Students will have to provide additional evidence for their English language level with a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient).  |
|                       | Nanchang International Foundation Programme            | <p>To enter NCUK IYOne Business Management pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of the Nanchang International Foundation Programme with the minimum grade PASS (60%) in all academic subjects.</li> <li>• Students will have to provide additional evidence for their English language level with a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient).</li> </ul> <p>To enter NCUK IYOne Accounting &amp; Finance pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of the Nanchang International Foundation Programme with the minimum grade Pass (60%) in all academic subjects and minimum grade Good (70%) in Maths.</li> <li>• Students will have to provide additional evidence for their English language level with a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient).</li> </ul> <p>The Study Centre is strongly advised to administer the NCUK Mathematics Diagnostic Test prior to progression.</p> |
| <b>Czech Republic</b> | Maturitni Zkouska/Secondary School Leaving Certificate | Successful completion with grades of 4 or better in all subjects.   |
| <b>Ecuador</b>        | Bachelors Degree Year 1                                | Completion of the first year of a Bachelors degree with a GPA of 2.5 or 6.0/10.   |
| <b>Egypt</b>          | Bachelors Degree Year 1                                | Successful completion of the first year of a Bachelors degree in a relevant subject, from a recognised university   |
| <b>France</b>         | Diplome du Baccalaureat General                        | Successful completion with an average of 12/20 or more.   |
| <b>Germany</b>        | Abitur   | Successful completion with an overall grade of 4 or better on a 1-6 scale (with a minimum grade of 4 in Maths and English on a 1-15 scale). Note: the overall qualification is graded 1-6 but individual subjects are graded 1-15, in both cases a grade of 1 denotes the top mark.   |



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| <b>Guyana</b>     | Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)                    | Completion of three relevant units with grade III or better in all units.   |
|                   | Associate Degree   | Successful completion with an overall grade of 3.0 or more.   |
| <b>Hong Kong</b>  | Hong Kong Tak Ming College University Foundation Programme           | An overall pass with a mark of 50% or more in all subjects.   |
|                   | Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)                     | Minimum grades of 4 3 3 in relevant subjects (Liberal Studies may be included in these grades) plus 45% in Form 5 Maths.  |
|                   | Associate Degree   | Successful completion in a related subject with an overall average of Grade C (CGPA 2.0) with minimum Grade C in relevant modules (including Mathematics)..                                     |
| <b>Hungary</b>    | Secondary Education Graduation Certificate                           | Successful completion with an average grade of 4/5 (with a grade of 4 or more in Maths).  |
| <b>Iceland</b>    | Matriculation Certificate  | Successful completion with an overall average of 5/10 or more (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths)  |
| <b>India</b>      | Higher Secondary Certificate / Standard 12                           | Successful completion with an average of 50% or more (including 50% or more in Maths). Note students entering the IYOne with an average of between 50-60% may have limited progression options. |
| <b>Indonesia</b>  | Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas - SMA 3 | Successful completion with an average grade of 75% or more (with a grade of 75% or more in Maths and English).  |
| <b>Iran</b>       | Pre-University Certificate (Peeshdaneshgahe)                         | Successful completion with grades of 12/20 or more in all subjects.   |
| <b>Israel</b>     | Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate)                                   | Successful completion with an average grade of 55% (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths and English)   |
| <b>Japan</b>      | Associate Degree (Jungakushi)  | Successful completion with a GPA of 2.0 /grade C or above.  |
| <b>Kazakhstan</b> | Bachelors Degree Year 1  | Successful completion of the first year of a Bachelors degree in a relevant subject, from a recognised university.  |
| <b>Kazakhstan</b> | NIS  | Successful completion with a minimum grade of 3.  |

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| <b>Kenya (for IYOne Business stream only)</b> | KCSE   | Successful completion with grades of B or better in all subjects. Please note, this applies to IYOne Business stream only and progression opportunities are limited to some universities in Australia and New Zealand.   |
| <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>                        | Junior Specialist Diploma                                | Successful completion with an overall pass grade.  |
| <b>Laos</b>                                   | Upper Secondary School Diploma                           | Successful completion with a minimum grade of 7 out of 10.   |
| <b>Lebanon</b>                                | Diplome de Technicien Supérieur                          | Successful completion with an overall Pass grade.  |
| <b>Lithuania</b>                              | Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Brandos Atestatas) | Successful completion with an average grade of 8/10.   |
| <b>Macau</b>                                  | Ensino Secundário Complementar                           | Successful completion with an overall Pass grade.  |
| <b>Malaysia</b>                               | Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)                | Completion with a minimum of two grade D passes.   |
|   | Unified Exam Certificate (UEC)                           | Successful completion with 5 subjects at grade B6 or better (to normally include Maths and English).   |
|   | Matrikulasi  | Successful completion with a GPA of 2.5/4 or more.   |
| <b>Morocco</b>                                | Attestation du Baccalauréat                              | Successful completion with a minimum grade average 12/20, with no grade lower than 12.   |
|   | Brevet de Technicien Supérieur                           | Successful completion in accountancy or management with a minimum grade average 12/20, with no grade lower than 12.  |
| <b>Myanmar</b>                                | Global Assessment Certificate (GAC)                      | Successful completion with a GPA of 2.0 or more.   |
|   | King's Advanced Level Foundation Programme               | To enter any of IYOne Business pathways, students have to achieve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum IELTS test result of 5.5</li> <li>• Minimum D in Communication &amp; Study Skills Maths</li> <li>• Minimum C for accounting &amp; Finance route</li> </ul> |

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|                    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum D is sufficient for Business Management or Events Management route</li> <li>Minimum D in Business Studies</li> <li>Minimum D in Economics</li> </ul> <p>To enter IYOne Law pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum IELTS test result of 6.0</li> <li>Minimum C in Communication &amp; Study Skills</li> <li>Minimum C in at least one of the elective subjects</li> </ul> <p>To enter IYOne Engineering pathway, students have to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum IELTS test result of 5.5</li> <li>Minimum D in Communication &amp; Study Skills</li> <li>Minimum D in Maths</li> <li>Minimum D in Physics</li> <li>Minimum D in any other two subjects</li> </ul> |
| <b>Nepal</b>       | Year 12  | Successful completion of HSEC 12th year with a minimum grade of 50% in each subject or min 2.4 GPA.  |
| <b>Netherlands</b> | Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)       | Successful completion with an average grade of 6 or more.  |
| <b>Nigeria</b>     | (Ordinary) National Diploma                          | Successful completion in a related subject with a GPA of 2.5 or better.  |
|                    | Bridge House College University Foundation Programme | Successful completion with CCC or better in the three 'major' modules. Students must also have WAEC/GCSE Maths grade C or better.  |
|                    | Wisdom House College                                 | Successful completion with CCC or better in the three 'major' modules. Students must also have WAEC/GCSE Maths grade C or better.  |
| <b>Oman</b>        | 1 Year Post School Diploma                           | Successful completion with an overall Pass grade.  |
| <b>Pakistan</b>    | Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate          | Successful completion with an average grade of 75% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)  |
| <b>Peru</b>        | Bachelors Degree Year 1                              | Successful completion of the first year of a Bachelors degree in a relevant subject, from a recognised university.   |
| <b>Philippines</b> | Bachelors Degree Year 1                              | <p>Successful completion of the first year of a Bachelors degree in a relevant subject from one of the following universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asian Institute of Management</li> </ul>   |

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|                     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ateneo de Manila University</li> <li>• De La Salle University</li> <li>• University of Santo Tomas</li> <li>• University of the Philippines</li> </ul> |
| <b>Poland</b>       | Matura  | Successful completion with at least 3 extended subjects and an average of over 70%.   |
| <b>Romania</b>      | Diploma de Bacalaureat  | Successful completion with an average grade of 6 or more.   |
| <b>Russia</b>       | Bachelors Degree Year 1   | Successful completion of Attestat plus year 1 of a bachelor's degree.   |
| <b>Rwanda</b>       | Baccalaur at / Diplome de Bachelier   | Successful completion with pass grades in all subjects.   |
| <b>Serbia</b>       | Diploma o stećenom srednem obrazovanju (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) | Successful completion with grades of 6 or more in all subjects.   |
| <b>Singapore</b>    | Polytechnic Diploma   | Successful completion with a GPA of 1.5 or more.  |
| <b>Singapore</b>    | Singapore/Cambridge A Levels  | Two D Grades; grades must include a minimum of grade D in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes. For Accounting and Finance routes IGCSE/GCSE grade C Maths is sufficient.     |
| <b>South Africa</b> | National Senior School Certificate (Awarded by State or IEB)                      | Successful completion with at least five subjects at 60% or better (to normally include Maths and English).   |
| <b>South Korea</b>  | Global Education Centre – Foundation Programme                                    | Successful completion with an overall average of 70%.   |
| <b>Spain</b>        | Titulo de Bachiller   | Successful completion with an overall average of 5 or more.   |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b>    | Sri Lankan A Levels   | Two S Grades; grades must include a minimum of grade S in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes. For Accounting and Finance routes IGCSE/GCSE grade C Maths is sufficient.     |
|                     | APIIT Sri Lanka programme in Business Foundation                                  | For entry to NCUK IYOne Business programme on the following conditions:   |

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|                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient)</li> <li>Gain a minimum grade B (55%) in Business Mathematics for Business Management route and a minimum grade of B + (65%) in Business Mathematics for Accounting &amp; Finance route.</li> <li>Pass APIIT Foundation programme with the average grade of min 60%</li> </ul>               |
|                 | APIIT Sri Lanka programme in Law Foundation                              | <p>For entry to NCUK IYOne Law programme on the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will have to provide additional external evidence for their English language level of a minimum grade equivalent to IELTS 6 (Password Knowledge test is sufficient)</li> <li>Gain a minimum grade C (50%) in all three Legal modules (Legal Systems &amp; History, Legal Methods, Legal Skills &amp; Critical thinking)</li> <li>Pass APIIT Foundation programme with min 60%</li> </ul> |
| <b>Sweden</b>   | Slutbetyg Fr n Gynasieskola (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) | Successful completion with a grade C or better in all subjects.  |
| <b>Taiwan</b>   | High School Leaving Certificate  | Senior High School Leaving Certificate with 70% average, including minimum HS Year 2 Maths grade of 60%; or Completion of High School PLUS evidence of a year's further study (e.g. towards Junior college Diploma/Technical College/Institute of Polytechnic Diploma/Senior Vocational High School Leaving Certificate with pass grade (60%), including Maths.  |
| <b>Tanzania</b> | Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (ACSEE)                      | Two D Grades; grades must include a minimum of grade D in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes. For Accounting and Finance routes IGCSE/GCSE grade C Maths is sufficient.  |
| <b>Thailand</b> | Certificate of Secondary Education / MAW 6                               | Successful completion with an overall grade of 2.75 or better in all relevant subjects.  |
| <b>Tunisia</b>  | Baccalaureat   | Successful completion with a minimum grade average 12/20, with no grade lower than 12 (must include Maths).  |

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|                      | Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS)                | Successful completion with a minimum grade average 12/20, with no grade lower than 12 (must include Maths).  |
| <b>Turkey</b>        | State High School Diploma (Devlet Lise Diploması)   | Successful completion with an overall grade of 3.5 (or 60%) or better in all relevant subjects.  |
| <b>Uganda</b>        | Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)     | Successful completion with grades of B or better in all subjects.  |
| <b>United States</b> | ACT   | Successful completion of a High School Diploma with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) plus ACT with an overall score of 24.  |
|                      | AP  | Successful completion of a High School Diploma with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) plus APs with two subjects at grade 3 and one subject at grade 4.                        |
|                      | SATs  | Successful completion of a High School Diploma with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) plus SATs with an overall score of 1220 and scores of 610 in each of the two tests.      |
| <b>Uzbekistan</b>    | Attestat plus 1 year of further study               | Completion of Attestat plus successfully completed 1 year of further year of study of diploma of post-secondary education, specialist diploma or Bakalavr.                               |
| <b>Vietnam</b>       | Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Year 12) | Successful completion with an overall average of 7.5 or more. Students entering via this route may have limited progression options.   |
| <b>Zimbabwe</b>      | A Levels  | Two D Grades; grades must include a minimum of grade D in each of Mathematics and Physics for Engineering routes. For Accounting and Finance routes O Level grade C Maths is sufficient. |

## English Language Requirements

Below are the English Language entry requirements for NCUK programmes.

NCUK accepts a variety of qualifications for progression onto its programmes and you can use these tables to determine if your qualifications match NCUK's requirements. The minimum accepted English Language grades for our programmes are displayed in the table. Note that normally where a test gives a grade for each skill we would expect each skill to be no more than half an IELTS point below the overall entry requirement.



For example, for students entering IYOne we ask for an overall IELTS 5.5, we would also expect all skill grades to be IELTS 5.0 or above.

**English language results must have been achieved within the last 2 years to be valid for entry.**

**Table 1**

| CEFR | NCUK EAP         |           | Password/<br>Password<br>Skills Plus | IELTS      | TOEFL IBT | Duolingo* | Skills for<br>English | LanguageCert<br>Academic | Cambridge<br>English<br>Scale<br>Score** | PTE<br>Academic | OTE<br>(Oxford<br>Test of<br>English) |
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|      | Percentage       | Grade     |                                      |            |           |           |                       |                          |  |                 |                                       |
| C2   |                  |           |                                      | <b>9.0</b> | 118 - 120 |           | C2 Pass               | 95+                      |  |                 | N/A                                   |
| C2   |                  |           |                                      | <b>8.5</b> | 115 - 117 |           | C2 Pass               | 90-94                    |  | 88              |                                       |
| C1   |                  |           |                                      | <b>8.0</b> | 110 - 114 |           | C1 Pass               | 85-89                    |  | 82              | 141 - 170                             |
| C1   | <b>80%+</b>      | <b>A*</b> | Password<br>Plus                     | <b>7.5</b> | 102 - 109 |           | C1 Pass               | 80-84                    | 191                                      | 75              |                                       |
| C1   | <b>70 - 79%+</b> | <b>A</b>  | 7.0                                  | <b>7.0</b> | 94 - 101  | 85        | C1 Pass               | 75-79                    | 185                                      | 66              |                                       |
| B2   | <b>60 - 69%+</b> | <b>B</b>  | 6.5                                  | <b>6.5</b> | 79 - 93   | 85        | B2 Pass               | 70-74                    | 176                                      | 59              | 111-140                               |
| B2   | <b>50 - 59%+</b> | <b>C</b>  | 6.0                                  | <b>6.0</b> | 60 - 78   | 75        | B2 Pass               | 65-69                    | 169                                      | 52              |                                       |
| B2   | <b>40 - 49%+</b> | <b>D</b>  | 5.5                                  | <b>5.5</b> | 46 - 59   | 95        | B2 Pass               | 60-64                    | 162                                      | 46              |                                       |
| B1   | <b>35 - 39%+</b> | <b>E</b>  | 5.0                                  | <b>5.0</b> | 35 - 45   | 85        | B1 Pass               | 50-59                    | 154                                      | 41              | 81-110                                |
| B1   | <b>&lt;35%</b>   | <b>U</b>  | 4.5                                  | <b>4.5</b> | 32 - 34   | 75        | B1 Pass               | 40-49                    | N/A                                      |                 |                                       |

**Table 2**

| Minimum Scores  |                                   |                                      |       |           |           |                       |                          |  |                 |                                       |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| NCUK<br>programme   | NCUK EAP                          | Password/<br>Password<br>Skills Plus | IELTS | TOEFL IBT | Duolingo* | Skills for<br>English | LanguageCert<br>Academic | Cambridge<br>English<br>Scale<br>Score** | PTE<br>Academic | OTE<br>(Oxford<br>Test of<br>English) |
| <b>International<br/>Foundation Year</b>  | N/A                               | 5                                    | 5     | 35        | 75        | B1 Pass               | 50                       | 154                                      | 41              | 100                                   |
| <b>International<br/>Year One in<br/>Business</b><br><br><b>International<br/>Year One in<br/>Engineering</b> | D (no skills<br>less than a<br>D) | 5.5                                  | 5.5   | 46        | 85        | B2 Pass               | 60                       | 162                                      | 46              | 111                                   |

|  |                             |     |     |    |    |         |    |     |    |     |
|--|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|---------|----|-----|----|-----|
| <b>International Year One in Law</b>                 | C (no skills less than a C) | 6   | 6   | 60 | 95 | B2 Pass | 65 | 169 | 52 | 126 |
| <b>Master's Preparation - Extended (30 weeks)</b>    | E (no skills less than a E) | 5   | 5   | 35 | 75 | B1 Pass | 50 | 153 | 41 | 100 |
| <b>Master's Preparation - Standard (20 weeks)</b>    | D (no skills less than a D) | 5.5 | 5.5 | 46 | 85 | B2 Pass | 60 | 162 | 46 | 111 |
| <b>Master's Preparation - Accelerated (10 weeks)</b> | D (no skills less than a D) | 5.5 | 5.5 | 46 | 85 | B2 Pass | 60 | 162 | 46 | 111 |

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