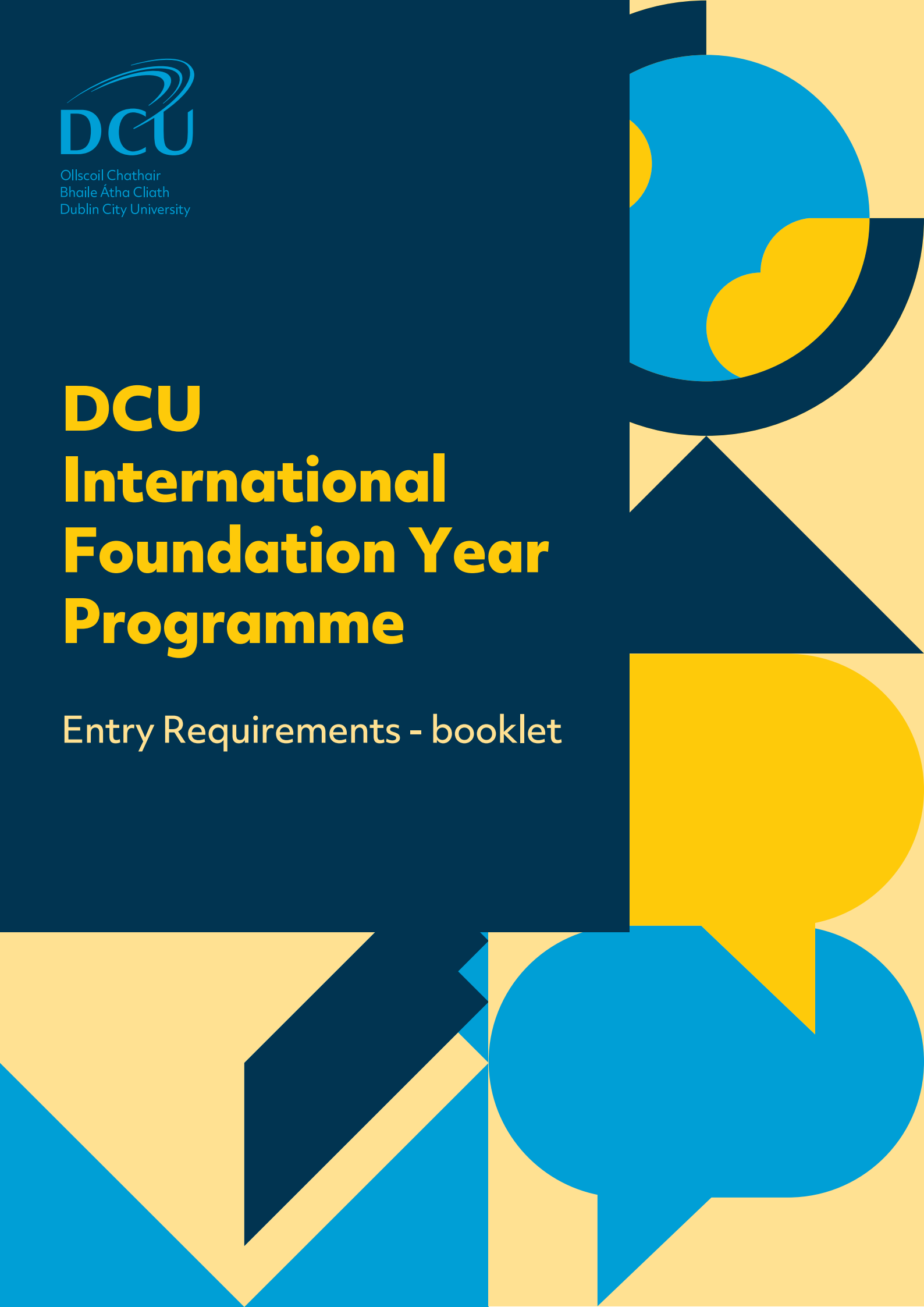




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Entry Requirements - booklet



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This guide details the entry requirements for students applying to the DCU International Foundation Year (IFY) for the 2025/26 academic year.

Age Requirements

Applicants must normally be 17 years old by the 31st December in the year that they start the IFY.

Academic Entry Requirements - General

Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirements
GCSE/IGCSE	Pre-2017 - Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCC (to normally include Maths and English). Post -2017 - Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of 4 or above (to normally include Maths and English).
AS Level	2 E Grades from a UK A-Level board.
A Level	One E Grade from a UK A-Level board.
International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)	Successful completion with a total of 34 points or more with a grade of 5 or more in both Maths and English. Students must have completed eAssessment. Students entering the IFY via this route may have limited progression outcomes.
International Baccalaureate	Successful completion with a minimum of 22 points.

Academic Entry Requirements – breakdown by country

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
NA	US High School Diploma	Successful completion including good passes in Maths for Engineering related progression. This includes students who are studying in a US school system overseas. Such students would not normally be required to provide evidence of English language level. Note that if the student has completed SATS I plus either SATS II or APs they may be eligible to enter the International Year One.
NA	General Education Development Tests (GED)	Successful completion of each of the four tests with a mark of 145 or more in each test.
Afghanistan	Grade 12 Graduation Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% across all subjects (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Albania	Matura	Successful completion with an overall average of 6/10 (with a grade of 6 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Algeria	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Angola	Habilitacao Literarias	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Argentina	Titulo de Bachiller (Bachillerato)	Successful completion with an overall average of 6/10 (with a grade of 6 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Armenia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with an overall average of 8/20 (with a grade of 8 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Australia	Year 11	Successful completion with an average grade of 70% (with a grade of 70% or more in Maths and English)
Azerbaijan	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all subjects.
Bahrain	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an average of 60% or more (with a grade of 70% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% or a GPA of 3.0 or more on a 5.0 scale (with a grade of 70% or more in Maths and English)
Barbados	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination	Successful completion with passes in at least two single unit subjects.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
Barbados	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 3 or more in all subjects.
Belarus	Certificate of General Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 3/10 or better in all subjects.
Benin	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Bermuda	Bermuda School Diploma	Successful completion with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
Bhutan	Bhutan Certificate of Secondary Education	Successful completion of with grades of 5 or better in all subjects
Bolivia	Diploma de Bachiller Científico-Humanístico	Successful completion with an average of 50% or more (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Botswana	Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (BGCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Brazil	Certificado de Ensino Medio	Successful completion with an average grade of 5/10 or more (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Brunei	O Levels	Successful completion of 5 subjects with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Burundi	Diplome des Humanites Completes	Successful completion with a grade of 50% or more in all subjects.
Cambodia	Diploma of Upper Secondary Education	Successful completion with an average of 45% or more (grade D)(with a grade of 45% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Cameroon	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador -General High School Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (50% or above)in all subjects.
Canada	Prince Edward Island - General High School Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (50% or above)in all subjects.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
Canada	Saskatchewan - Secondary School Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (50% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Ontario - Ontario Secondary School Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (50% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Quebec - Diplôme d'études Secondaires	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (60% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Alberta - General High School Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (C or above) in all subjects.
Canada	British Columbia - Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (C or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Manitoba - High School Graduation Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (grade 1 / 50% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Northwestern Territories - General High School Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (grade C / 50% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Yukon - Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (grade C / 50% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	New Brunswick - High School Graduation Diploma	Successful completion of year 11 with pass grades (grade C / 60% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Nova Scotia - High School Completion Certificate	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (grade D / 50% or above) in all subjects.
Canada	Nunavut - High School Graduation Diploma	Successful completion of Year 11 with pass grades (grade D / 50% or above) in all subjects.
Chile	Licencia de Educación / Enseñanza Media	Successful completion with an average of 4/7 (with a grade of 4 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
China	Year 11	Students who have completed 11 years of school education including completion of Year 11 and have achieved an average of 70% or above may enter the IFY. Passes in Chinese Language and Chinese Politics are not essential.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
China	Year 12/Gao Kao	The 12 years of school education should include senior middle school year three with passes at acceptable grades (70% and above) in all relevant subjects of the Gao Kao. Passes in Chinese Language and Chinese Politics are not essential.
Colombia	Bachiller Academico	Successful completion with a Pass grade in all subjects.
Cote d'Ivoire	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Croatia	Matura	Successful completion with an average grade of 2.5/50% across all subjects (with a grade of 2.5/50% in Maths, and English if studied)
Cyprus	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 10/20 (including a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Diplome D'Etat	Successful completion with an average of 50% across all subjects (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Ecuador	Titulo de Bachiller en Ciencias (Bachillerato)	Successful completion with a an average grade of 7/10 (with grades of 7 or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Egypt	Certificate of General Secondary Education	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% or more.
Equatorial Guinea	Titulo de Bachillerato Superior	Successful completion with an average grade of 5 across all subjects (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Equatorial Guinea	Titulo de Graduado de Educacion Secundaria General	Successful completion with an average grade of 5 across all subjects (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Eritrea	Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion of 5 subjects with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Ethiopia	Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate	Successful completion with an average of 60% or more (with 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Finland	General Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 5 across all subjects (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
France	Diplome du Baccalaureat General	Successful completion with an average of 10/20 (with grades of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied).

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
Gabon	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with grades of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Gambia	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion with grades of C6 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English)
Georgia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Sashualo Ganatlebis Atestasi)	Successful completion with a grade of 6/10 or more in all subjects.
Ghana	West African Senior School Certificate Examination	Successful completion with grades of C6 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English)
Guinea	Baccalaureat Unique	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Guinea-Bissau	Certificado do Ensino Secundario	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Guyana	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination	Successful completion with passes in at least two single unit subjects.
Guyana	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 3 or more in all subjects.
Honduras	Titulo de Bachiller Tecnico Profesional	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Honduras	Titulo de Bachiller Cientifico Humanista	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Hong Kong	Form 5 / Year 11	Successful completion of Form 5 / Year 11 with an average of 60%. Students entering via this route may have limited progression options.
Hungary	Secondary Education Graduation Certificate	Successful completion with a grade of 2/5 in all subjects.
Iceland	Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination	Successful completion with an overall average of 5/10 or more (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
India	Year 11	Successful completion of Year 11 with an average of 65% (students wishing to study IFY Science or Engineering must have a minimum of 65% in Maths). Note students entering via this route may have limited progression options.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
India	Higher Secondary Certificate /Standard 12	Successful completion with average of 40% (including at least 40% in Maths). Note students entering with an average of between 40- 50% may have limited progression options.
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas - SMA 2	Successful completion with an average grade of 70% or more (with a grade of at least 70% in Maths and English)
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas - SMA 3	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or more (with a grade of at least 70% in Maths and English)
Iran	High School Diploma	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of at least 10/20 in Maths, and English if studied)
Iraq	Certificate of Preparatory Education / Secondary School Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or more (with a grade of at least 50% in Maths, and English if studied)
Israel	High School Completion Diploma	Successful completion with pass grades in all subjects. Note: if students have continued onto the Bagrut/Matriculation Certificate and passed this they may be eligible for IY One entry
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato	Successful completion with an average of 60% (with a grade of at least 60% in Maths, and English if studied)
Japan	Kotogakko Year 2	Successful completion with an average of 3/5 (with a grade of at least 3 in Maths, and English if studied). Please note that students coming in through this route may have limited progression options.
Japan	Kotogakko Year 3	Successful completion with an average of 2/5 (with a grade of at least 2 in Maths, and English if studied). Please note that students coming in through this route may have limited progression options.
Jordan	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Tawjihi)	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or more (with a grade of at least 50% in Maths, and English if studied)
Kazakhstan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education/Attestat	Successful completion with an average of 3/5 (with a grade of at least 3 in Maths, and English if studied).
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Kiribati	Kiribati Senior Secondary Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 5 or better on a 1-9 grading scale (with a grade of 5 or better in Maths, and English if studied) .
Kuwait	Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or more (with a grade of at least 60% in Maths, and English if studied)

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Kyrgyz Republic	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	Successful completion with an average of 3/5 (with a grade of at least 3 in Maths, and English if studied).
Kyrgyz Republic	Certificate of Technical & Professional Education	Successful completion with an average of 3/5 (with a grade of at least 3 in Maths, and English if studied).
Laos	Upper Secondary School Diploma	Successful completion with an average of 5/10 (with a grade of at least 5 in Maths, and English if studied).
Lebanon	Baccalaureat Technique	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Lebanon	General Secondary Certificate	Successful completion with an overall Pass grade (with a pass grade in Maths, and English if studied).
Lesotho	Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education (LGCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Liberia	Senior School Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 6 or better on a 1-9 grading scale (with a grade of 6 or better in Maths, and English if studied)
Libya	Secondary School Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or more (with a grade of at least 50% in Maths, and English if studied)
Lithuania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Brandos Atestatas)	Successful completion with an average of 6/10 (with a grade of at least 6 in Maths, and English if studied).
Malawi	School Certificate of Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English).
Malaysia	Malaysia Certificate of Education (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia - SPM)	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English). Students entering via this route may have limited progression options.
Malaysia	Unified Exam Certificate (UEC)	Successful completion with five subjects at grade C8 or better (to normally include Maths and English).
Maldives	O Levels / Secondary School Certificate	Successful completion of five subjects with grades of 6 or better (to normally include Maths and English).
Mali	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)

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Mauritania	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Mauritius	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Mexico	Bachillerato General	Successful completion with grades of 6 (60%) or better in all subjects.
Moldova	Diploma de Bacalaureat (Baccalaureate Diploma)	Successful completion with an average mark of 5/10 or more (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Mongolia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with an average mark of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Morocco	Diplome du Baccalaureat	Successful completion an average grade of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Mozambique	Certificado de Habilita es Literarias	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Myanmar	Basic Education Standard Examination / Matriculation	Successful completion with Pass grades (over 40%) in all subjects.
Namibia	Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (Ordinary Level)	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).
Nepal	Higher Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with an overall GPA of 2.0 or more.
Netherlands	Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO)	Successful completion with an average grade of 6/10 or more (with a grade of 6 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
New Zealand	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 2	An overall pass with pass grades in Maths and English.
Nigeria	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion of five modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Nigeria	National Examinations Council (NECO)	Successful completion of five modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)

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Oman	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al- Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Pakistan	Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or more (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Palestine	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al- Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Panama	Bachillerato	Successful completion with an average grade of 3 or more (with a grade of 3 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Paraguay	Titulo de Bachillerato	Successful completion with an average grade of 2/5 or more (with a grade of 2 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Peru	Certificado de Educacion Secundaria Comun Completa	Successful completion with grades of 11 or more in all subjects.
Philippines	High School Diploma	Successful completion of the Academic Track Diploma with an average of 85% or more (with a grade of 85% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Qatar	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al- Thanawaya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Romania	High School Graduation Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 5 or more (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Russia	Certificate of Secondary (Complete) General Education (also called Attestat)	Successful completion of with grades of 3 or better in all subjects.
Rwanda	Advanced General Certificate of Secondary Education	Successful completion three subjects at grade C or better.
Saudi Arabia	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihyya)	Successful completion with a grade of 50% or more in all subjects.
Senegal	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Sierra Leone	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion of five modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)

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Singapore	Singapore / Cambridge GCEO level	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Somalia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 60% or more in all subjects.
South Africa	National Senior School Certificate (Awarded by State or IEB)	Successful completion with at least five subjects at 40% or better (to normally include Maths and English).
South Korea	High School Diploma	Successful completion with an average ranked grade of 1-6 across all subjects.
South Korea	High School Graduation Equivalency Examination	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more (with 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan O Levels	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Sudan	Sudan School Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 50% (D) or more in all subjects.
Suriname	VWO Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 6 or above in all subjects.
Swaziland	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC)	Successful completion with grades of 6 or more in all subjects.
Sweden	Slutbetyg Fr n Gynasieskola (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Successful completion with a grade D or better in all subjects.
Switzerland	Certificat de Maturite / MaturitÄtszeugnis / Attestatodi MaturitÄ	Successful completion with an overall average of 4/6 or more (with a grade of 4 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Syria	General Secondary Certificate (Al Shah da al-Th nawiyya al- mma)	Successful completion with an overall average grade of 60% (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Taiwan	Senior High School Year 2 (Year 11)	Successful completion with an average mark of 70% or above. Note that such students may have limited progression opportunities.
Taiwan	Senior High School Year 3 (Year 12)	Successful completion with an average mark of 60% or above.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
Tajikistan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 3 or more in all subjects.
Tanzania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
Thailand	Certificate of Secondary Education / MAW 6	Successful completion of with an overall grade of 2 or more in all subjects.
Thailand	MAW 5	Successful completion with an overall grade of 2.5 or more in all subjects.
Togo	Diplome de Bachelier	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Trinidad and Tobago	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 3 or more in all subjects.
Tunisia	Baccalaureat	Successful completion with an overall average of 10/20 or more (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Turkey	State High School Diploma (Devlet Lise Diploması)	Successful completion with an overall grade of 2 (or 45%) or better in all relevant subjects.
Turkmenistan	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education (Diplomyorite orta bilim barada)	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all relevant subjects.
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE)	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in at least 5 subjects (normally to include Maths and English).
Ukraine	Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better (on a 12 point scale) in at least 4 subjects.
United Arab Emirates	General Secondary Education Certificate Examination (General / Religious) (Tawjihyya)	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
United States	High School Graduation Diploma	Successful completion and award of the Diploma. This includes students who are studying in a US school system overseas. Such students would not normally be required to provide evidence of English language level. Note that if the student has completed SATS I plus either SATS II or APs they may be eligible to enter the International Year One.

Country	Qualification	International Foundation Year Entry Requirement
Uruguay	Bachillerato Diversificado	Successful completion with grades of 6 or above in all subjects.
Uzbekistan	Certificate of Completed Secondary Education (O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma)	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all subjects.
Uzbekistan	Diploma of Academic Lyceum (Akademik Litsey Diplomi)	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all subjects.
Uzbekistan	Diploma of Professional College (Kasb-Hunar Kolleji Diplomi)	Successful completion with grades of 3 or better in all subjects.
Venezuela	Bachillerato	Successful completion with an average grade of 13/20 (with a grade of 13 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Vietnam	Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Year 11)	Successful completion with an average of 7.0 or more (with at least 7.0 in Maths and English) Students entering via this route may have limited progression options.
Vietnam	Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Year 12)	Successful completion with an overall average of 5.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and English) Students entering with an average of 5.0 or 6.0 may have limited progression options. Or Successful completion with an overall average of 7.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and English). Students entering with an average of 7.0 or more will have the full range of progression options available to them.
Zambia	School Certificate / General Certificate of Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in five relevant modules.
Zimbabwe	A levels	One E Grade.
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)

English Language Requirements

Below are the English Language entry requirements for the DCU International Foundation Year.

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 IFY we ask for an overall IELTS 5.0, we would also expect all skill grades to be IELTS 4.5 or above.

Students must be able to show the required English language ability prior to entry. As part of the application process students must present a form of English language certification as well as their academic qualifications.

English Language Requirements for IFY entry							
Qualification	Password	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic	OTE (Oxford Test of English)	Duolingo	DCU EAP*
International Foundation Year	5	5	35	36	100	75	B (no skill less than a C)

* DCU EAP (English for Academic Purposes) refers to international pathway students studying English at DCU prior to their International Foundation Year. Students can progress by either:

- a) Taking an IELTS test at the DCU IELTS Exam Centre or;
- b) Taking a DCU assessment at the end of their Pathway English Programme.

DCU is an official [IELTS Exam Centre](#) which holds regular IELTS test dates for both IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training. Our test centre is located on the DCU Glasnevin campus in Dublin, Ireland.

Requirements for progression from the International Foundation Programme to DCU Undergraduate Programmes

To progress to their chosen undergraduate programme, Foundation students must generally achieve a “B” in their English language studies and a combination of grades from the three other subjects in their chosen academic stream (Humanities, Business or Engineering). The requirements for progression will be specified in the offer letter that DCU provides to students upon successful application.

English Language Grade Equivalencies

DCU IFY		Password	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic	Duolingo	CEFR
%	Grade						
			9.0	118-120	86+	155-160	C2
			8.5	115-117	83-85	145-150	C2
			8.0	110-114	79-82	135-140	C1
80%+	A*	Password Plus	7.5	102-109	73-78	125-130	C1
70-79%	A	7.0	7.0	94-101	65-72	115-120	C1
60-69%	B	6.5	6.5	79-93	58-64	105-110	B2
50-59%	C	6.0	6.0	60-78	50-57	95-100	B2
40-49%	D	5.5	5.5	46-59	42-49	85-90	B2
35-39%	E	5.0	5.0	34-45	36-41	75-80	B1
<35%	U	4.5	4.5	32-34	30-35	65-70	B1



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