

University of Glasgow Admissions – September 2018 Entry Applicants with A-Level, International Baccalaureate and BTEC Qualifications

Guidance Notes to Schools, Careers Advisers and Applicants

INTRODUCTION

The objective of this document is to provide Schools, Careers Advisers and Applicants or Prospective Applicants with supplemental information concerning undergraduate applications to the University of Glasgow (for entry to the University in September 2018). It seeks to clarify (but not replace) information on our website and our published prospectus. It also addresses some common questions that have been raised with us during recent admissions cycles.

<u>The Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine, administer their own</u> admissions and these are excluded from this document.

This paper sets out the Admissions Policy and Process for applicants who are applying with A-Level, International Baccalaureate or BTEC qualifications (including applicants presenting a combination of these qualifications)

Whilst all readers are encouraged to review the entire paper, the following is a summary of key changes to our Entry Requirements/Policy in 2018:

KEY CHANGES FROM 2017 ADMISSIONS POLICY

• ECONOMICS

Entry to Economics in 2018 requires all applicants to have a minimum of Grade B in GCSE Mathematics.

• PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Applicants to Physics or Astronomy (<u>or any degree combination which includes either</u> <u>Physics or Astronomy</u>) require applicants to have Mathematics and Physics A-Levels at Grades A/B or B/A. Previously applicants were required to have both Mathematics and Physics at Grades B or above – we now require one of the subjects to be at Grade A.

• CHEMISTRY OR CHEMISTRY WITH MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

Applicants to Chemistry or Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry now require applicants to have A-Level Mathematics at Grade B or above in addition to A-Level Chemistry at Grade B or above. Please note that this will become a firm requirement for entry in 2019. It is recognised that as A-Levels span two years introducing Mathematics as a requirement now for entry in 2018 is not fair to all applicants who have already completed one year of their A-Level course – so flexibility will be shown in 2018 but applicants are required to have a minimum of GCSE Mathematics at Grade B or above.

• INTERNATIONAL BACCALUREATE APPLICANTS – Maths Studies

The University's printed prospectus states that Maths Studies is NOT accepted where Mathematics is a required subject. In most cases (correctly detailed within this document and now reflected on the University's website) Maths Studies IS accepted as an alternative to Mathematics.

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The first step in the process is to ensure that applications are submitted on time and are both <u>complete</u> and <u>accurate</u> at the point of submission. Applicants and advisers are requested to note the following key points:

- UCAS: The only way of applying to the University is through UCAS and applications must be submitted by the UCAS deadlines:
 - 1. October 15th 2017 for Medicine, Dentistry or Vet Medicine;
 - 2. January 15th 2018 for all other degree programmes.



• Late or Incomplete Applications: Due to the competition for places at the University we apply very strict rules regarding application submission in order to ensure fairness and equity to all applicants. We never make exceptions to these rules. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their application is submitted by the due date (UCAS deadline) and that their application is both complete and accurate at the point of submission. We do not accept late applications or amendments to applications after they have been submitted. We aim to turnaround applications within 10 days of receipt (with a decision as to offer or rejection) and due to the volume of applications we receive (in excess of 30,000 annually) it is not possible for us to revisit an application/decision after it has been processed.

Late Applications (after UCAS closure dates) or changes to application details are NEVER ACCEPTED Applications Applications (after UCAS closure dates) or changes to application details are NEVER ACCEPTED Applications (after UCAS closure dates) or changes to application details are NEVER ACCEPTED

• Extraneous Circumstances: We always take extraneous circumstances (bereavement, ill-health or other personal or family situations) into consideration when reviewing applications however these **must** be highlighted to us in the application (Personal Statement and/or Reference). Highlighting an extraneous circumstance after submission is regarded as late or incomplete application and as per above we cannot revisit an application after a decision has been processed. Extraneous circumstances will always require to be backed up with relevant 3rd party documentation (doctor's letter, medical certificates, social work letters etc).



Criminal Convictions: Applicants who have criminal convictions must declare these on the UCAS form by ticking an appropriate box. Many applicants tick this box in error. This delays the processing of their application as it necessitates all institutions to whom they have applied contacting the applicant to get details of their conviction(s) and thereafter assessing whether or not their application can be progressed. Whilst declaring a criminal conviction is a legal requirement (failure to declare could result in an applicant's offer being withdrawn or expulsion from the University if admitted) applicants are requested to ensure they do not tick the box in error.



UNIVERSITY DECISION PROCESSING

All applications received by the University are assessed based on the applicant's ability to meet BOTH the Academic and Non-Academic Entry Requirements for the degree programme(s) applied for. This section of the paper details:

- 1. The University's Academic Entry Requirements for September 2018 Admission.
- 2. The University's approach to Non-Academic Entry Requirements for 2018 Admission based on information presented to the University in the UCAS Personal Statements and School References.
- 3. The Process followed by the University Admissions Team for making decisions on applications.



For each of our degree programmes we have established a **Standard Academic Entry Requirement** and a **Minimum Academic Entry Requirement**:

- Standard Academic Entry Requirements: These represent the Grades which if obtained will result in an applicant being admitted (Provided they also meet the Non-Academic Entry Requirements).
- **Minimum Academic Entry Requirements:** These represent the minimum Grades which an applicant must have obtained in order to be CONSIDERED for an offer. Not all applicants who achieve the Minimum Academic Entry Requirements will be made an offer. This will depend on the number of applications we have received for a degree programme and the number of applicants who have met the Standard Academic Entry Requirements.

Offers are always made to applicants at the Standard Academic Entry Requirement and applicants are encouraged to assume that they will only be guaranteed admission to the University if they fully meet these grades. Upon publication of all exam results, an applicant MAY be admitted at grades below the Standard Academic Entry Requirements, but never below the Minimum Academic Entry Requirements. The decision as to how far below the Standard Academic Entry Requirements we are able to admit students will depend on the number of applicants who fully meet the Standard Academic Entry Requirements and how many places remain unfilled. This can/will vary by subject area.



Table 1 below details the 2018 Standard Academic Entrance Requirements and the Minimum Academic Entrance Requirements by Degree Programme. The sections that follow the table provide additional information with regards to:

- A-Levels sat over multiple years and A-Level Resits
- A-Level Subjects Accepted for University Entry
- Extended Project and Advanced Extension Awards
- AS Levels and GCSE Grades
- Advanced Entry / Faster Route

Table 1: 2018 Academic Entrance Requirements (A-Levels and International Baccalaureate)

	A LEVELS		INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE		RNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	
Subject Area	Stand	Min	Required Subjects	Stand	Min	Required Subjects
Accountancy & Finance B.Acc or BSc	AAA/ A*AB	ABB	Including Maths and minimum of GCSE English at Grade B English	38 Pts HL 666	34 Pts HL 655	HL Subjects should include Maths (or Maths Studies) and a Humanities subject. SL6 will be accepted for one of Maths (or Maths Studies) or the Humanities subject. English preferred at HL6 but SL6 will also be considered.
Arts/Modern Languages/ Divinity MA, BD	AAB	BBB	Including at least one Arts, Humanities or Language Subject. Applicants wishing to study Mathematics or Computing Science require A-Level Maths at Grade B.	36 Pts HL 665	34 Pts HL 655	HL Subjects should include English and a Humanities (or language) subject. SL6 will be accepted for one of English or the Humanities subject. Applicants wishing to study Mathematics or Computing Science require Maths (or Maths Studies) at HL6 or SL6.
Community Development BA	BBB	ссс	None	30 Pts	28 Pts	None
Engineering M.Eng	AAA	N/A	Must include Maths and Physics	38 Pts HL 666	37 Pts HL 666	HL Subjects must include Physics and Maths
Engineering B.Eng	AAB	BBB	Must include Maths and Physics	36 Pts HL 665	34 Pts HL 655	HL subjects must include Physics and Maths. SL6 will be accepted for one of Physics or Maths (or Maths Studies).
Environmental Science & Sustainability (Dumfries Campus) B.Sc	BBB	ссс	Preferably with one or two from: Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Computing Studies, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Human Biology, Mathematics, Science (Double Syllabus), Statistics, Zoology.	30 Pts	28 Pts	Preferably including one or two Science Subjects at HL5 or SL5
Health & Social Policy (Dumfries Campus) M.A.	BBB	ссс	None	30 Pts	28 Pts	None
Law LLB	AAA	N/A	Must include A-Level English OR GCSE English Literature and Language at Grade A. LNAT Test	38 Pts HL 666	34 Pts HL 655	HL subjects should include English at HL6, but SL6 will be considered.
Music B.Mus	ABB	BBB	A-Levels must include Music OR ABRSM Grade 5 Theory will be accepted. In addition must have Merit in	34 Pts	32 Pts	Must have Music at HL6 OR ABRSM Grade 5 Theory will be accepted. In addition must have Merit in Grade 8 of ABRSM practical exams.

(Stand = Standard Academic Entry Req'ts, Min = Minimum Academic Entry Req'ts)

			Grade 8 of ABRSM practical exams.			
Nursing B.N	ABB	N/A	Include two science subjects from Chemistry, Biology (or Human Biology), Physics and Maths. If Chemistry not taken at A2 level then must have GCSE Chemistry at Grade B minimum. Must have GCSE English at Grade B or above.	36 Pts	N/A	Chemistry OR Biology at HL6. If Chemistry not at HL must have at SL6. Must have a minimum of SL5 English.
			BSc: Must include two subjects from Mathematics, Psychology, or other Science Subjects. If Maths not taken at A2 level then must have Maths AS level or GCSE at Grade B or better.			SCIENCE (B.Sc): 3 HL subjects should include two Science subjects. SL6 will be considered for ONE of the required subjects. Where Maths is not one of the two Science subjects then Maths or Maths Studies is required at SL4.
Psychology BSc, MA, MA Soc Sci	AAA	ABB	MA Arts: Must include at least two Arts, Humanities or Language subjects. If Maths not taken at A2 level then must have Maths AS level or GCSE at Grade B or better.	38 Pts HL 666	36 Pts 3 HL 655	ARTS (M.A): 3 HL subjects should include English and one other Arts, Humanities or Language subject. SL6 will be considered for ONE of the required subjects. Maths or Maths Studies is required at SL4.
			MA Soc Sci: Must include at least two Arts, Humanities or Language subjects. If Maths not taken at A2 level then must have Maths AS level or GCSE at Grade B or better.			SOCIAL SCIENCES (M.A): 3 HL subjects should include English and one other Arts, Humanities or Language subject. SL6 will be considered for ONE of the required subjects. Maths or Maths Studies is required at SL4.
Science B.Sc	AAB	BBB	Must include 1 science subject which is relevant to the programme applied for. Applicants to Physics or Astronomy (or any degree combination that includes Physics or Astronomy) require Maths and Physics Grades A/B or B/A. Applicants to Life Science Degrees require Biology OR Human Biology OR Chemistry at Grade B or above. (Life Sciences Degrees: Anatomy, Biochemistry, genetics, Human Biology, Human Biology& Nutrition, Immunology, Marine & Freshwater Biology, Microbiology, Molecular & Cellular Biology with Plan Science, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physiology, Physiology & Sports Science & Nutrition, Zoology). Applicants to Chemical Physics require Chemistry, Physics and	36 Pts HL 665	34 Pts HL 655	All degrees require 3 HL subjects at 6,6,5 including 2 science subjects one of which is relevant to the programme applied for. Whilst HL6 is preferred for both science subjects SL6 will be considered for ONE. Applicants to Physics or Astronomy (or any degree combination that includes Physics or Astronomy) require Maths and Physics with one being at HL6 and the other being either HL6 or SL6 Applicants to Life Science Degrees require Biology OR Human Biology OR Chemistry at HL6 or SL6. (Life Sciences Degrees: Anatomy, Biochemistry, genetics, Human Biology, Human Biology& Nutrition, Immunology, Marine & Freshwater Biology, Microbiology, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Physiology & Sports Science, Physiology & Sports Science & Nutrition, Zoology). Applicants to Chemical Physics require Chemistry, Physics and Maths with TWO at HL6 and the other at either HL6 or SL6.

			Maths at Grade B or above. Applicants to Chemistry or Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry require Maths AND Chemistry at Grade B or above. Applicants to Computing Science or Software Engineering require Maths at Grade B or above. Applicants to BSc degree programmes – Accounting & Mathematics, Accounting & Statistics, Finance & Mathematics, or Finance & Statistics – must meet the Entry requirements for Accountancy and Finance detailed separately in this table.			Applicants to Chemistry or Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry require Maths AND Chemistry with one being at HL6 and the other being either HL6 or SL6 Applicants to Computing Science or Software Engineering require Maths at HL6 or alternatively Maths at HL5/SL5 AND Computing at HL6. Applicants to BSc degree programmes – Accounting & Mathematics, Accounting & Statistics, Finance & Mathematics, or Finance & Statistics – must meet the Entry requirements for Accountancy and Finance detailed separately in this table.
Social Sciences MA Soc Sci	AAB	BBB	Must include arts, humanities or language subject. Applicants wishing to study Economics must have a minimum of GCSE Mathematics at Grade B or above.	38 Pts HL 666	34 Pts HL 655	Must have English and a humanities subject. Whilst HL6 is preferred for both of these subjects, SL6 may be considered for ONE. Applicants wishing to study Economics must have a minimum of SL4 Mathematics or Mathematics Studies.
Teaching: Education with Primary Teaching Qualification M.Educ	AAB	BBB	Must include English and a minimum of GCSE Maths at Grade B or above.	36 Pts	32 Pts	English at HL5 and Maths at SL4
Teaching: Primary Education with Teaching Qualification (Dumfries) M.A.	BBB	CCC	Must have English Language and Literature GCSE at Grade C and GCSE Maths at Grade B.	32 Pts	30 Pts	English at HL5 and Maths at SL4
Teaching: Religious & Philosophical Education M.A.	AAB	BBB	Must include English and a minimum of GCSE Maths at Grade B or above.	36 Pts	32 Pts	English at HL5 and Maths at SL4
Teaching: Technological Education B.Tech.Ed	AAB	BBB	Must include Technology OR a Science subject OR Maths. Where Mathematics is not one of the A-Level subjects must have GCSE Mathematics at Grade B or above. Must have a minimum of GCSE English Language and Literature at Grades B or above.	34 Pts	32 Pts	English at HL5 and EITHER a Science Subject OR Mathematics (or Maths Studies) at HL5. Where Mathematics is not one of the above HL subjects, applicants must have Mathematics (or Maths Studies) at SL4.

A-Levels sat over multiple years and A Level Resits

The University will normally consider only those results that have been achieved at the first sitting and in a single diet of examinations. Grades achieved across more than one diet, or through resits, will only be considered where there are mitigating circumstances.

A-Level Subjects Accepted for University Entry

The University recognises the value of <u>all A-Levels and with very few exceptions all are</u> <u>accepted for General Admission to the University.</u> However, with the introduction of an increased range of subjects applicants must be made aware of the following:

- Required Subjects: Some of our degree programmes require specific subjects (Required Subjects) for entry whilst others will state that subjects must be from a specific 'Field of Study' such as Science, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities or Modern Languages. In order to avoid any ambiguity, the University has classified all A Levels into 4 'Fields of Study':
 - a. Arts/Humanities/Modern Language Subjects
 - b. Social Science Subjects
 - c. Science Subjects
 - d. General Subjects
- 2. **Range of Subjects:** In addition to attaining grades in Required Subjects or subjects from a specific Field of Study, ALL of our degree programmes require applicants to have a broad range of qualifications and as such applicants must ensure that their portfolio of qualifications meet the following criteria:
 - a. Where subjects contain a high proportion of common material (such as Economics and Economics and Business) these will not normally be counted (recognised) as two distinct subjects;
 - b. With very few exceptions, applicants can only have <u>one</u> A-Level subject classified as being in a General Field of Study.

Table 2 below lists all of the A Level subjects offered by the various accredited organisations which are accepted by the University. It also details the Field of Study classification of the A Level subject.

Table 3 details A Level subjects which are NOT approved for admission to the University.

Table 2: Accepted A Levels and University of Glasgow Field of Study Classification

A LEVEL SUBJECT	FIELD OF STUDY	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
Accounting / Management Accounting / Principles of Accounts	Social Science	

Afrikaans	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Ancient History	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Ancient History and Literature	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Anthropology	Social Science	
Applied Art and Design	General	If combined with Art & Design A Level (any category) only 1 A Level can be counted.
Applied Business	Social Science	Can only have one of Applied Business, Economics, Business Studies or Economics and Business
Applied Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	General	Not accepted as core science subject.
Applied Science	General	Not accepted as core science subject.
Arabic	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Archaeology	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Art and Design (Critical and Contextual Studies)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Art and Design (Fine Art)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Art and Design (Textiles)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Art and Design (Graphic Communication)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Art and Design (Photography)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Art and Design (Three-Dimensional Design)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Only 1 Art and Design subject accepted (not multiple categories as individual A Levels)
Bengali	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Biblical Hebrew	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Biology	Science	Biology and Human Biology not accepted as two separate subjects.
Botany	Science	
Business Studies / Business	Social Science	Can only have one of Applied Business, Economics, Business Studies or Economics and Business
Chemistry	Science	
Chinese	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Chinese and Chinese Literature not accepted as two separate subjects.
Chinese Literature	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Chinese and Chinese Literature not accepted as two separate subjects.
Citizenship Studies	Social Science	Can only have one of Citizenship Studies, Law or Government & Politics
Classical Civilisation	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	

Classical History and Civilisation	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Classical Greek	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Classical Studies	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Classics	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Communication Studies	General	
Communication and Culture	General	
Computing	Science	
Computer Science	Science	
Constitutional Law	Social Science	Cannot have both Constitutional Law and Law
Creative Writing	General	
Critical Thinking	Social Science	
Dance	General	
Design and Technology: Food Technology	General	Only 1 Design & Technology subject accepted
Design and Technology: Product Design (3D Design)	General	Only 1 Design & Technology subject accepted
Design and Technology: Product Design (Textiles)	General	Only 1 Design & Technology subject accepted
Design and Technology: Systems and Control Technology	General	Only 1 Design & Technology subject accepted
Design and Textiles	General	Cannot be combined with Design & Technology subject
Divinity	General	
Drama and Theatre Studies	General	
Design and Textiles	General	
Dutch	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Economic and Political Studies	Social Science	Can only have one of Econ & Pol Studies; Econ & Public Affairs; Econ Change & Society; Econ Geog
Economic and Public Affairs	Social Science	Can only have one of Econ & Pol Studies; Econ & Public Affairs; Econ Change & Society; Econ Geog
Economic Change and Society	Social Science	Can only have one of Econ & Pol Studies; Econ & Public Affairs; Econ Change & Society; Econ Geog
Economic Geography	Social Science	Can only have one of Econ & Pol Studies; Econ & Public Affairs; Econ Change & Society; Econ Geog
Economics	Social Science	Can only have one of Applied Business, Economics, Business Studies or Economics and Business
Economics and Business	Social Science	Can only have one of Applied Business, Economics, Business Studies or Economics and Business
Electronics / Electronic Systems	Science	Not accepted in place of Maths or Physics where these are Required Subjects
Elements of Engineering Design	Science	Not accepted in place of Maths or Physics where these are Required Subjects
Engineering	Science	Not accepted in place of Maths or Physics where these are Required Subjects
Engineering Drawing (and Design) / Technical Drawing	Science	Not accepted in place of Maths or Physics where these are Required Subjects

Engineering Graphics (Applied)	Science	Not accepted in place of Maths or Physics where these are Required Subjects
Engineering Science	Science	Not accepted in place of Maths or Physics where these are Required Subjects
English Language	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one of English Language, English language & Literature or English Literature
English Language and Literature / Language and Literature in English / English (and Communication)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one of English Language, English language & Literature or English Literature
English Literature / Literature in English	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one of English Language, English language & Literature or English Literature
Environmental Management	General	
Environmental Studies	General	
Environmental Technology	General	
Film Studies	General	
Food Studies	General	
French	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Geography	Science, Arts, Social Science or Humanity	
Geography: Human/Natural Environment	Science, Arts, Social Science or Humanity	
Human/Physical Geography	Science, Arts, Social Science or Humanity	
Geology	Science	
Geometrical and Building (Mechanical) Drawing	General	
German	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Government and Politics	Social Science	Can only have one of Citizenship Studies, Law or Government & Politics
Global Perspectives and Research	Social Science	
Graphic Design / Graphic(al) Communication	General	
Greek (Ancient or Modern) / Classical Greek	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one Greek subject
Greek Language with Greek History	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one Greek subject
Greek Literature with Greek History	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one Greek subject
Greek (Literature) and Classical Civilisation	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one Greek subject
Greek Literature (in Translation)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one Greek subject
Gujarati	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Health and Social Care / Applied Health and Social Care	General	
Hebrew (Modern)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	

Hindi	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Hinduism	General	
History	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
History of Art / Art with Art History	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Home Economics	General	
Horticultural Science	Science	
Human Biology / Social Biology	Science	Biology and Human Biology not accepted as two separate subjects.
Humanities	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Industrial Studies	General	
Information and Communications Technology (ICT) / Digital Technology	General	
Information Technology	Science	
Irish	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Islamic Studies	General	
Italian	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Japanese	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Latin	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Latin (Language) with Roman History	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Latin (Literature) and Classical Civilisation	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Law	Social Science	Can only have one of Citizenship Studies, Law or Government & Politics
Marine Science	Science	
Mathematics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Mathematics: Applied/and Statistics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Mathematics: Mechanics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Mathematics: Pure/with Mechanics/and Statistics/with Statistics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Mathematics: Pure and Applied	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Mathematics: Statistics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Further Mathematics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Further Mathematics: Pure and Applied/Pure with Mechanics	Science	Can only have one Mathematics A Level (not combined with other Maths categories)
Media Studies / Media	General	

Music / Music(Theoretical)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Music Technology	General	
Norwegian	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Punjabi	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Performance Studies	General	
Persian	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Philosophy	Social Science	
Physical Education	General	Can only have one of Physical Education or Sport & Physical Education
Physical Science	Science	Cannot be combined with either Physics or Chemistry due to overlap AND NOT accepted in place of either where they are Required Subjects.
Physics	Science	
Physics B: Advancing Physics	Science	Not accepted where Physics is a Required Subject and cannot be counted as an additional subject with Physics
Physics B: Physics in Context	Science	Not accepted where Physics is a Required Subject and cannot be counted as an additional subject with Physics
Physics and Mathematics	Science	Cannot be combined with either Physics or Mathematics due to overlap AND NOT accepted in place of either where they are Required Subjects.
Polish	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Portuguese	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Psychology	Science	Can only have one of Psychology, Psychology A or Psychology B
Psychology A/ Psychology B	Science	Can only have one of Psychology, Psychology A or Psychology B
Public Affairs	Social Science	
Religious Studies	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Russian	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Science (Double)	General	Not counted as science subjects and cannot combine Science Double, Science Studies, Scinence in Society, Science Tech & Society as individual A Levels
Science (Studies)	General	Not counted as science subjects and cannot combine Science Double, Science Studies, Scinence in Society, Science Tech & Society as individual A Levels
Science in Society	General	Not counted as science subjects and cannot combine Science Double, Science Studies, Scinence in Society, Science Tech & Society as individual A Levels
Science, Technology and Society	General	Not counted as science subjects and cannot combine Science Double, Science Studies, Scinence in Society, Science Tech & Society as individual A Levels
Social (and Environmental) Biology	General	

Sociology	Social Science	
Software Systems and Development	Science	
Spanish	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Sport & Physical Education	General	Can only have one of Physical Education or Sport & Physical Education
Statistics / Applied Statistics	Science	
Tamil	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Technical Drawing / Graphics	General	Can only have one of Technical Drawing / Graphics; Technical and Graphic Communication
Technical Design and Graphic Communication	General	Can only have one of Technical Drawing / Graphics; Technical and Graphic Communication
Technological Studies / Technology	General	
Theatre Studies	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Thinking Skills	General	
Theology (Christian)	Social Science	
Turkish	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Urdu	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	
Use of Mathematics	Science	Approved but not in lieu of Mathematics where Mathematics is a Required Subject, NOR can it be counted alongside Mathematics as an additional subject.
Welsh (First Language) / Welsh (Second Language)	Arts, Humanity or Modern Language	Can only have one of these A Levels - not both First and Second Language subjects.
World Development	General	
Zoology	Science	

Table 3: A Level Subjects NOT approved for University of Glasgow admission

Applied Performing Arts
General Studies
Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry
Leisure Studies
Leisure and Tourism
Media Communication and Production
Moving Image Arts
Performing Arts
Sports Science and the Active Leisure Industry
Travel and Tourism (Double or Single Award)

Extended Project and Advanced Extension Awards

We welcome the use of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and, in Mathematics, the Advanced Extension Awards (AEA) as a means of challenging students and encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to learning. These qualifications help prepare students for university life. We do, however, recognise that not all students have equal opportunity to access these qualifications, and as such they do not provide additional credit in the selection process of applicants.

AS Levels and GCSE Grades

The University does not examine grades attained in qualifications below A-Level (A2) Grade except in the following circumstances:

- 1. Unless an A-Level is specified in the Standard Entry Requirements, ALL degree programmes require applicants to have attained a pass in English at GCSE Grade C or above.
- 2. Some degree programmes will specify as part of their Standard Entry Requirements that if an applicant does not have an A-Level in a specific subject then they must have either an AS Level or a GCSE qualification at a specified grade.
- 3. All applicants to Education (Teacher Training) degree programmes are required to have attained a Grade B or above in GCSE Maths

The Admissions Team will NOT review qualifications below A Level Grade other than to ensure compliance with the above requirements. An applicant will not be made an offer based on a better set of AS Levels or GCSE qualifications than another applicant.

Combined Qualifications

The University recognises that many schools are increasingly presenting students with a combination (or mix) of qualifications. **Applications of this nature are welcomed**. Given the variety of combinations each application will need to be considered individually and applicants are encouraged to contact the Admissions Team to fully understand the conditions they will be set if they present 'mixed' qualifications.

Advanced Entry / Faster Route

Applicants who achieve exceptional grades in their A-Levels or IB MAY be considered for Advanced Entry or Faster Route, meaning that they can complete an honours degree in 3 years instead of the normal 4 years. Table 4 details the degree programmes where this option exists and provides INDICATIVE grades that must be attained in order to be considered:

Degree Programme	Indicative Grades for Advanced Entry/Faster Route Consideration (in addition to having met the Standard Entry requirements)		
	A-LEVELS	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	
Engineering (B.Eng or M.Eng)	A*A*A at one sitting Including Maths at A* and Physics at A or above. General Studies or Critical Thinking not accepted as third subject.	40 Points including 3 HL Subjects at 6,6,6	
Science / Life Sciences (B.Sc)	A*AA at one sitting	38 Points including 3 HL subjects at 6,6,6 including 2 Science Subjects one of which is relevant to the subject applied for	

Table 4: Degrees offering	* Advanced Entr	1 / Eactor Douto ar	nd Indiantiva Entr	v Cradaa
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Social Sciences (M.A.)*	A*A*A* at one sitting	40 Points including 3 HL Subjects at 6,6,6

*Please note that the M.A. in Arts does NOT offer Advanced Entry or Faster Route.

Applicants considering Advanced Entry or Faster Route should note the following:

- They should apply for Year 2 (Y2) entry on their UCAS form. They need not worry about using an additional line on their UCAS Form for this if they are either rejected at point of application or after their A-Level / IB results are published, and they have met the Entry Requirements for Year 1 entry, they will **automatically** be made an offer for Year 1 entry;
- Applicants MAY be invited for interview. Students who wish to pursue this option will usually be required to study more subjects than their peer group entering Year 1 and the interview will assess the applicant's maturity to cope with the additional pressure.

BTEC National Diploma (Level 3) Qualifications

The University welcomes applications from candidates who have sat BTEC National Diploma (Level 3) Qualifications. The University recognises that an increasing number of schools/colleges are offering a combination of BTEC qualifications together with A-Levels.

Depending on the type of BTEC qualification they may be used:

- For direct access to 1st year of some Degree Programmes (without any other qualifications); OR
- For direct access to 1st year of some Degree Programmes provided applicant <u>also</u> has specific A-Level or GCSE subjects; OR
- For admission to some Degree Programmes as a substitute for 1 A-Level subject (ie applicant requires BTEC qualification plus 2 A-Levels); OR
- For admission to some Degree Programmes as a substitute for 2 A-Level subjects (ie applicant requires BTEC qualification plus 1 A-Level)

The table below details:

- The BTEC subjects which are accepted by the University (only those listed are accepted);
- The grades required for each qualification level in order to be accepted for direct access to the University (1st year), or as a substitute for 1 or 2 A Levels. Where access to the University is accepted with only BTEC qualifications, the table also indicates the Degree Programmes accepting these qualifications.

Due to the number of BTEC qualifications, combinations of BTEC and A-Levels, requirements for specific subjects at A-Level or GCSE, and range of Degree Programmes offered by the University (some of which have very specific requirements) applicants are strongly advised to use the following table for guidance only and seek further clarification from the University Admissions department prior to submitting their application.

BTEC SUBJECTS ACCEPTED FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION	UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS CRITERIA BTEC QUALIFICATION LEVELS AND GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT ADMISSION (WITHOUT ADDITIONAL A LEVELS) OR AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR 1 OR 2 A LEVELS
Accounting	BTEC HND pass will grant access to all Accountancy & Finance Degrees (B.Acc) and B.Sc degrees in Accounting & Mathematics or Accounting with Statistics. Applicants must also have an A Level Maths at Grade B or above.
Aeronautical Eng	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace Maths and Physics A Levels where these are stated subject requirements.
Applied Law	• Subsidiary Diploma subject at Grade D may be used in place of 1 A L evel subject for most degree programmes.
Applied Science	 L3 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of most Life Sciences and Science Degrees (applicants to Psychology will require GCSE Maths at Grade B or above) BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of most Life Science and Sciences Degrees (applicants to Psychology will require GCSE Maths at Grade B or above) Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma at Grades MM OR Extended Diploma at Grades MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace specified science A Levels where these are stated subject requirements.
Art & Design	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Level 3 Diploma at Grades MM OR Extended Diploma at Grades MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels.
Business	 L3 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of MA Arts and MA Social Sciences Degrees BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of MA Arts and MA Social Sciences Degrees Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D, or Diploma at Grades MM, or Extended Diploma at MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels to some degree programmes.
Computing	 L3 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of Computing Science, Informatis and Software Engineering degrees. If Maths not studied as part of BTEC then A Level Maths required. BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of Computing Science, Informatis and Software Engineering degrees. If Maths not studied as part of BTEC then A Level Maths required. Level 3 Diploma at Grades DD or Extended Diploma at Grades DMM will be accepted in place of 2 A Levels for most degree programmes.

Table 5: Accepted BTEC Subjects and Admissions Criteria

Dental Technology	Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma at Grade D or Extended Diploma with a minimum of MPP will be accepted in place of 1 A Level for most degree programmes. It cannot be accepted in place of a science subject where science is a required subject.
Electrical Electronic Engineering	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace Maths and Physics A Levels where these are stated subject requirements.
Engineering	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace Maths and Physics A Levels where these are stated subject requirements.
Enterprise and Entrep'ship	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels.
Environmental Sustainability	 L3 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of Environmental Science & Sustainability Degree at Dumfries Campus. Subsidiary Diploma at Grade D, Diploma at Grades MM or Extended Diploma at Grades MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels.
Health and Social Care	 L3 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of Education (Teacher Training) Degree Programmes providing applicants also have GCSE Maths at Grade B or better AND A Level English or AS Level English or GCSE English Language & English Literature at Grade B or better. BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of Education (Teacher Training) Degree Programmes providing applicants also have GCSE Maths at Grade B or better. BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of Education (Teacher Training) Degree Programmes providing applicants also have GCSE Maths at Grade B or better AND A Level English or AS Level English or GCSE English Language & English Literature at Grade B or better. Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes
Information Technology	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels.
Manuf Eng	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace Maths and Physics A Levels where these are stated subject requirements.

Mech Eng	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace Maths and Physics A Levels where these are stated subject requirements. 	
Music	 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of the MA Music (but not the B.Mus degree) BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of MA Arts Degree in Music (but not the B.Mus degree) Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels. 	
Music Technology	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels. 	
Operations and Maintenance Engineering	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not replace Maths and Physics A Levels where these are stated subject requirements. 	
Performing Arts	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes 	
Pharm Sci	Diploma at Grade D may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes	
Production Arts	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes 	
Sport	 Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels. 	
Sport and Exercise Science	 Diploma/Extended diploma subject at Grades MM or MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma or Extended Diploma cannot be used to replace 2 A Levels. 	
Sport and Exercise Sciences	 Extended Diploma at Grades DDD will give access to Year 1 of most Life Science Degrees (but not all Science Degrees) BTEC HNC/HND with a Merit Pass overall AND a Merit Pass in the majority of subjects will give access to Year 1 of most Life Science Degrees (but not all Science Degrees) Subsidiary Diploma/90 Credit Diploma at Grade D OR Diploma/Extended Diploma at Grades MM/MPP may be used in place of 1 A Level subject for most degree programmes. Diploma / Extended Diploma at Grades DD or DMM may be accepted in place of 2 A Levels - however will not 	

replace specified science A Levels where these are stated subject requirements.

Table 6: BTEC Subjects NOT accepted for University Entry

The following BTEC subjects are <u>not</u> accepted by the University for admission (irrespective of qualification level or grade achieved:

BTEC Subjects NOT accepted by the University		
Agriculture		
Aircraft Maintenance		
Animal Management		
Aviation Operations		
Beauty Therapy		
Blacksmith & Metalwork		
Children's Care, L&D		
Children's Play, L&D		
Construction & the Build Environment		
Countryside Management		
Creative Digital Media Production		
Creative Media Production		
Equine Management		
Fish Management		
Floristry		
Forestry and Arboriculture		
Horse Management		
Horticulture		
Hospitality		
Land Based Technology		
Personal and Bus Finance		
Public Services		
Travel and Tourism		
Vehicle Technology		



NON-ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Personal Statements, Interviews, Auditions or Psychometric tests)

Non-Academic Entrance Requirements are demonstrated through Personal Statements, School References, Interviews, Auditions and Psychometric Tests.

Personal Statements and School References are a key part of a student's application to the University. They enable us to understand more about the applicant including their wider achievements (beyond academic achievements), career interests and any specific problems or issues that they may have had. (Applicants and schools are reminded that different universities adopt different approaches to the use of Personal Statements. The paragraphs below describe the approach adopted by the University of Glasgow only, and in submitting an application through UCAS consideration needs to the approach adopted by ALL universities to whom the UCAS application is submitted).

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

The role and relative importance of the Personal Statement differ depending on the degree programme applied for:

• Applications to Arts, Science, Engineering (excluding Product Design Engineering), Life Sciences, Social Sciences or Accountancy Degree Programmes:

The diagram below illustrates that applications to degrees in Arts, Science, Engineering (excluding Product Design Engineering), Life Sciences, Social Sciences or Accountancy WILL NOT be 'filtered' based on the quality or content of their Personal Statement. All Personal Statements for these degree programmes will be read in order to determine if there are extraneous circumstances or unusual qualifications (or combinations of different qualifications) that the Admissions Team should be aware of. Applications to these degree programmes will not be rejected based on the content of the Personal Statement. Applicants may be contacted to provide additional information if they have included information in their Personal Statement which we believe may help their application.

• Applications to Nursing, Education (Teacher Training), Law (and also Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Medicine – although not covered by the scope of this paper):

The diagram below illustrates that the Personal Statements are a **critical part** of applications to **Nursing, Education, Law, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Medicine**. Applications to these degree programmes WILL be 'filtered' based on the content of the Personal Statement. The Personal Statements within applications to these degree programmes will be scored against the following broad criteria:

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- o suitability to enter the Profession
- o interpersonal relationships & skills
- o verbal and written communication skills

CAREER EXPLORATION

- o understanding of the Profession obtained through reading & discussion
- o experience of working in a classroom/hospital or other relevant environment
- experience of working with children who are disabled or from disadvantaged backgrounds (Teacher Training only)

NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- broad range of interests and achievements for example in music, arts or sports
- o evidence of commitment to these interests
- o achievements at local, national or international level
- o evidence of leadership abilities & organisational skills
- o evidence of social responsibility

When scoring Personal Statements the Admissions Team are much more interested in the content as measured against the above criteria as opposed to the style in which the Personal Statement is written. There is no specific score that will 'guarantee' that an application will progress further. The 'cut-off' point above which an application will progress will be determined by its score relative to all other applications. This cut-off point will vary from year to year depending on the number and quality of applications and the number of available places.



SCHOOL REFERENCES

All school references are read as part of the Admissions Process to ALL degree programmes. The school references are key in articulating extraneous circumstances or other difficulties or challenges that an applicant may have experienced. This will help us

determine whether or not an applicant should receive any adjustment to their Entry Requirements or given extra time in which to achieve the Entry Requirements. Only in very exceptional circumstances would an application be rejected based on information contained in the School Reference and this would only occur after further consultation with the school and the applicant.

INTERVIEWS / AUDITIONS AND PSYCHOMETRIC TESTS

The table below details the degree programmes which require an interview or audition and those that do not. It also highlights the requirement for applicants to Law to complete the LNAT Psychometric Test.

Subject Area	Interview / Audition	Psychometric Test
Accountancy & Finance (B.Acc or B.Sc)	NO	NO
Arts/Modern Languages/Divinity (MA or BD)	NO	NO
Community Development (BA)	NO	NO
Engineering (M.Eng) or (B.Eng)	NO	NO
Environmental Science & Sustainability (Dumfries Campus) (B.Sc)	NO	NO
Health & Social Policy (Dumfries Campus) (MA)	NO	NO
Law (LLB)	NO	LNAT TEST
Music (B.Mus)	AUDITION	NO
Nursing (BN)	INTERVIEW	NO
Psychology (B.Sc, MA or MA Social Sciences)	NO	NO
Science (including Life Sciences) (B.Sc)	NO	NO
Social Sciences (MA Social Sciences)	NO	NO
Teaching: Education with Primary Teaching Qualification (M.Educ)	INTERVIEW	NO
Teaching: Primary Education with Teaching Qualification (Dumfries) (MA)	INTERVIEW	NO
Teaching: Religious & Philosophical Education (MA)	INTERVIEW	NO
Teaching: Technological Education (B.Tech.Ed)	INTERVIEW	NO

As the table indicates, the majority of our degree programmes DO NOT require either an interview or a psychometric test. The exceptions are Nursing and Education (Teacher Training) where applicants are interviewed and Law where applicants are required to complete the LNAT psychometric test.

Applicants to the B.Mus Degree in Music will be required to attend an audition. (Please note that applicants to the MA in Music are NOT required to attend an audition)

LNAT (Law National Admissions Test): Applicants to all LLB degrees who do not already hold an undergraduate degree are required to take the LNAT test by 20 January 2018. The LNAT is run by a consortium of UK Universities and comprises a 2 hour on-screen test made up of multiple choice (80 minutes) and essay questions (40 minutes). It is designed to assess verbal reasoning skills and command of written English. The test can be taken by applicants at centres throughout the UK and overseas. Information on how to sit the test can be found at www.lnat.ac.uk.



Having received an application the Admissions Team will immediately review the application and process their 'decision' (Unconditional Offers, Conditional Offers, Rejections, or invitations to Interview). The 'decision' will be made based on an applicant's ability to meet both our **Academic and Non-Academic Entrance Requirements**. The Admissions Process differs depending on whether an applicant is interviewed or not.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS – NO INTERVIEWS

For degree programmes in Arts, Science, Life Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences Accountancy and Law, where there are no interviews, a decision will be made based entirely on a review of the UCAS application. Applicants to Law who are required to complete the LNAT test will have their application assessed alongside their LNAT score.



The way in which an application is treated will differ depending on whether the applicant has already completed their A Levels, IB or BTEC in a prior year, or is applying during the year in which they will be sitting their exams (ie results not yet available):

EXAMS NOT YET SAT (Results not available)

ALL applicants to the above listed degrees (which do not require interviews) will be made a conditional offer provided:

- 1. They are sitting the right number of subjects (including required subjects) which would enable them to meet the Entry Requirements for the chosen degree programme; AND
- 2. They have a satisfactory Personal Statement and School Reference (Non Academic Entrance requirements);

The conditional offer will be made without reference to predicted grades.

The offer will be conditional on the applicant attaining the Standard Academic Entry Requirements for their chosen degree programme.

EXAMS SAT IN A PRIOR YEAR (Results available)

Where an application is submitted to the above listed degree programmes and the application contains details of the grades attained by the applicant in a prior year, the applicant can expect to receive one of the following decisions on their application:

- 1. If the application demonstrates that the applicant has **met the Standard** Academic Entry Requirements (including any required subjects), then provided they have a satisfactory Personal Statement and School Reference (Non Academic Entrance requirements), they will be made an UNCONDITIONAL OFFER.
- 2. If the application indicates that the applicant has **not met the Minimum Academic Entry Requirements** they will be **REJECTED.** Students should be advised not to apply to the University if they did not meet the Minimum Academic Entry Requirements as this would be a waste of one of their UCAS choices.
- 3. If the application indicates that the applicant has **exceeded the Minimum Academic Entry Requirements but has not attained the Standard Academic Entry Requirements** then their application will still be **CONSIDERED for an offer**. The decision as to whether an offer can be made is based on the number of applications received and the number of students who have already achieved the Standard Academic Entry Requirements. These applications may be held pending review once all applications have been received. In such cases the applicant will be informed that their application is being held and advised of a date by which they will receive a decision.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS – WHERE AN INTERVIEW OR AUDITION IS REQUIRED

For degree programmes in Nursing, Education (Teacher Training) and B.Mus in Music (as well as Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Medicine – although these are not within the detailed scope of this paper) the approach detailed below will apply. The approach differs depending on whether the applicant has already completed their A-Levels, IB or BTEC in a prior year, or is applying during the year in which they will be sitting their exams (ie results not yet available):

EXAMS NOT YET SAT (Results not available)

If the applicant can meet the Standard Academic Entry Requirements, then the Non-Academic Entry Requirements will be assessed as detailed in the section above (Non-Academic Entry Requirements). Upon completion of this assessment applicants will either be rejected or invited for interview. Upon completion of the interviews, applicants will either be rejected or made a Conditional Offer at the Standard Entry Requirements.

EXAMS SAT IN A PRIOR YEAR (Results available)

All applicants who have <u>already achieved the Standard Academic Entry</u> <u>Requirements</u> will have their Non-Academic Entry Requirements assessed in line with the section above (Non-Academic Entry Requirements). Upon completion of this assessment applicants will either be rejected or invited for interview. Upon completion of the interviews, applicants will either be rejected or made an Unconditional Offer.

If the applicant has completed their exams and <u>did not achieve the Minimum</u> <u>Academic Entry Requirements their application will</u> be rejected at this stage. **Students should be advised not to apply to the University if they did not meet the S5 Minimum Academic Entry Requirements as this would be a waste of one of their UCAS choices.**

If the applicant has completed their exams and <u>met or exceeded the Minimum</u> <u>Academic Entry Requirements but did not achieve the Standard Academic Entry</u> <u>Requirements</u> then a decision as to whether or not to progress their application will be made based on the number of applicants who met the Standard Academic Entry Requirements. Applicants in this category may:

- 1. Have their application rejected at this stage;
- 2. Have their application progressed for Non-Academic Entry Requirements assessment and rejected thereafter if these criteria not met;
- 3. Have their application progressed for Non-Academic Entry Requirements assessment and immediately invited for interview. Upon completion of the interviews, applicants will either be rejected or made an Unconditional Offer;
- 4. Have their application progressed for Non-Academic Entry Requirements assessment and thereafter held pending the outcome of other interviews where the applicants have fully met both the Academic and Non-Academic criteria. Applicants will be advised if their application is being held and an expected date by when they will be told whether they will be rejected or invited for interview. If invited for interview, then upon completion of the interviews, applicants will either be rejected or made an Unconditional Offer.





The admissions process detailed above enables us to reply to all applicants within circa 7-10 days of their application being submitted to the University.

The UCAS process requires applicants who have received responses to ALL of their applications (to all universities) by 31 March, to respond to any offers by 3 May 2018 with their decision as to Firmly Accept, Insurance Accept or Reject any offers they may have received.

It is possible that some universities do not complete their offer making process until after 31 March. This should be a minimal number of cases and the University of Glasgow will always aim to complete the process by March 31. In the event that a university does not complete the offer making process by March 31, then they MUST do so by May 3 2018.

In the event that an applicant has not received a response from one or more universities then they do not need to make a decision to Firmly Accept, Insurance Accept or Reject any offers until 7 June 2018.



It is essential that all applicants monitor the responses they have received from the universities to whom they applied. In the event that an applicant has (for example) received a decision from all of the universities to whom they applied by 31 March and the applicant does not process their decision by the May 3rd 2018 UCAS deadline then they will

automatically the UCAS system will automatically assume that they do not wish to accept any offers made to them, and their offers will be 'Declined by Default'.

An applicant can only accept TWO offers by the due dates noted above. One of the acceptances is their Firm Accept and the other is their Insurance Accept.

The Firm Accept is their 'Number One' choice and if they meet the Entry Requirements for that choice then they MUST attend that chosen course and University.

The Insurance Accept is their 'Back-up' choice. If the applicant fails to meet the Entry Requirements for their Firm Accept, but DO meet the Entry Requirements for the Insurance Accept then they MUST attend that chosen course and University.

We regularly see situations whereby an applicant does not understand (or has been illadvised) about the above rules which are strict UCAS rules (not the individual universities) and must be adhered to. We often have cases where:

- 1. An applicant chooses a Firm and Insurance Accept where both have either the same or very high Entry Requirements. Hence, if the applicant does not meet the Firm Accept Entry Requirements, then they are also rejected from their Insurance choice.
- 2. An applicant thinks that they can change their mind between Firm Accept and Insurance Accept later in the process. Universities are under no obligation to make changes at a later stage in the process and any change would require the agreement of both universities to which they applied.



For all major qualifications including A Levels and International Baccalaureate, all universities will be notified of an applicant's exam results circa 3-4 days prior to publication of the results to the applicant. This enables the University to compare an applicant's exam results to the conditions of their offer PRIOR to the results being published on 'Results Day' (which is 5 July 2018 for IB students and 16 August for A Level students) and process one of the following outcomes for each application:

- 1. Where an applicant fully meets the conditions of their offer then the admissions team will ALWAYS change the offer to UNCONDITIONAL.
- 2. Where an applicant is marginally below the conditions of their offer and there are still places available on the degree programme to which they applied, then the admissions team MAY still change the offer to UNCONDITIONAL.
- 3. If the applicant has not met the conditions of their offer then unless they fall into category 2 above (marginally below the conditions AND spaces available) then they will be REJECTED.

The above process (often referred to as the 'confirmation process') is always completed by the day before 'Results Day' meaning that our final decision will be reflected on UCAS TRACK on 'Results Day'.



A number of key points re the above process should be noted:

- 1. Under no circumstances will an applicant's results be released by the University prior to 'Results Day'
- 2. We are often contacted by applicants who have been made Unconditional Offers even though they are marginally below the conditions of their offer they are surprised / delighted but want to contact us to verify that this is correct. Whilst this is totally understandable, we operate a strict process which ensures that the our final decision posted on UCAS Track is accurate and legally binding (so if in the highly unlikely event of an error being made and an applicant is wrongly made an unconditional offer, we would be required to honour that error);
- **3.** We are very often contacted by applicants who have been rejected, 'pleading their case' or advising us of extraneous circumstances at this very late stage of the process. Whilst we appreciate that this is a VERY stressful time for applicants, we would never reverse a decision at this stage of the process unless it is an error made on our part.

Results Day is an extremely busy time for the University Admissions Team and we request that applicants are aware of the process outlined above and how it operates in order to minimise the number of calls that are made to the University.



Due to the demand for places at the University of Glasgow only a very small number of students are recruited through Clearing. Typically we recruit 20-30 students through Clearing to 'niche' degree programmes. Details of any degree programmes entered into Clearing will be posted on the University website and applicants are encouraged to look there on a regular basis through the month of August.

The University is required to finalise all admissions by midnight on 31 August each year. In the event of an applicant having his/her exam results being appealed we will only accept the appeal outcome if this is processed and communicated to us by the appropriate exam body by midnight on 31 August. We cannot accept any appeal outcomes after this date and never make any exceptions to this rule.

