Competitive Admission Requirements for JUPAS & Non-JUPAS (2026-27 Intake)

On top of fulfilling CUHK's general requirements, applicants applying for the DDP are expected to satisfy the below program-specific requirements.

Competitive admissions requirements are for guidance only. Satisfying requirement does not guarantee admission, as admission is on a competitive basis. If you have met, or are predicted to meet, the lower grade listed in our competitive admissions requirements, you will be entered into our selection process. This does not guarantee that you will receive an invitation to interview / an admission offer. If your country/ qualification is not listed here, your application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The actual results of the applicants admitted may vary from year to year (depending on the overall results achieved by applicants in a particular year, the number of applicants applying to us, changes in selection criteria, etc.). Information is for reference only and subject to the University's approval.

In order to have a holistic approach in reviewing your application, please also submit:

- 1. A one-page (A4 size) curriculum vitae in English;
- 2. A one-page (A4 size) application statement with less than 500 words in total in English;
- 3. Copies of your high school transcripts / academic reports / public examination certificates etc.;
- 4. Any other documents you deemed appropriate.

Applicants would be invited to the compulsory admission interview if they are shortlisted. The interview performance will also be taken into consideration in making admission decisions.

English Language Proficiency

Language	Competitive Requirements
English	• IELTS 7.0 <u>or</u>
	• TOEFL iBT (internet) 100 or
	• IB English 6 <u>or</u>
	GCSE/ IGCSE / GCEOL English 6 or B or
	● GSAT English 頂標 of the cohort
	concerned <u>or</u>
	 Malaysia UEC English B3 or SPM English
	B+

JUPAS

Core Subjects	Minimum Requirements
Mathematics (Compulsory Part)	5
English Language	5
Chinese Language	4
Citizenship & Social Development	Attained

Elective Subjects	Minimum Requirements
Any 2 electives (Mathematics Extended Parts of	4
M1 and M2 are not included)	

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The Best 5 formula which counts the scores of the best 5 subjects in HKDSE is adopted, with the subject weighting as below:

Mathematics (Compulsory Part) x 1.5 + Best of M1/ M2/ Economics/ Chemistry/ Physics x 1.5

Non-JUPAS

International Qualifications	Competitive Requirements (with High School Completion)
GCE-AL / International-AL	2A* + 1A or above
International	Total scores: 40 or above out of 45 (TOK/ EE inclusive); and
Baccalaureate (IB)	A score of 5 or above in each of the 6 subjects attempted by the applicant as
Diploma	indicated in the application.
	Remark: equal weighting for Standard Level (SL) or Higher Level (HL) subjects.
European Baccalaureate	European Baccalaureate with an overall average of 90%
Redesigned SAT / ACT	Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/ Certificate; and
+ Advanced Placement	An overall total score of 1420 out of 1600 in SAT (from March 2016)/ ACT:
(AP) Test	a composite score of 30 out of 36 or above in each subject; and
	AP: grade 5 out of 5 in each of the 2 Advanced Placement (AP) Tests.

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Country-specific Qualifications	Competitive Requirements (with High School Completion)
Argentina	Bachillerato with an overall average of 9.0 on a 10-point scale
Australia	Senior Secondary Certificate of Education; and
	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score of 90; or
	Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) score of 90; or
	Universities Admission Index (UAI) score of 90; <u>or</u> An Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank (ENTER) of 90; <u>or</u> An Overall Position (OP) Band between 1 and 8
Austria	Reifeprüfung / Matura with an overall average of 5 on a 5-point scale
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) with an overall average of 5 on a 5-
	point scale
Belgium	Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs / Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire
	Supérieur (CESS)/ Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des
	Sekundarunterrichts with an overall average of 9 on a 10-point scale
Brunei	Brunei-Cambridge GCE A-Level
	3 AL passes or 2 AL + 2 AS passes in one sitting (all grades must be
	obtained from examination taken within a twelve month period), with an
	average of grade A
Bulgaria	Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completion of
	Secondary Education) with an overall average of 6 on a 6-point scale
Cambodia	Baccalauréat (Upper Secondary School Certificate) with an overall
	average of grade A
Cameroon	Cameroon Baccalauréat with an overall average of 19 on a 20-point scale;
	or Cameroon A-level 3 AL passes in one sitting (All grades must be
	obtained from examinations taken within a twelve-month period.), with an
	overall average grade of A
Canada (Alberta)	High School Graduation Diploma with an average of 90% in best five
	Grade 12 courses & 70% in each Grade 12 course
Canada (British Columbia)	Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma with an average of 90% in five
	Grade 12 or BC Provincially Examinable courses
Canada (Manitoba)	High school graduation diploma with five full credits at Grade 12 (40
	level) in courses designated S (Specialized), G (General), or U (University-
	based), with an average of 90% in these subjects
Canada (New Brunswick)	High School Graduation Diploma with an average of 90% in five Grade 12
	courses
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Canada (Nova Scotia)	Honours University Preparatory Courses or in University Preparatory
	Courses in the High School Completion Certificate with an average of 90%
	in five Grade 12 courses
Canada (Ontario)	Ontario Secondary School Diploma with an average of 90% in six
(Grade 12 U or M courses & 70% in each course
Canada (Quebec)	Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales (DEC)
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Canada (Saskatchewan)	High School Graduation Diploma with an average of 90% in five Grade 12 courses
Canada (Other provinces)	Provincial High School Graduation Diploma with an average of 90% in five Grade 12 subjects
Chile	Licencia de Enseñanza Media (Certificate of Secondary Education) with an overall average of 7 on a 7-point scale. To make your application competitive, you are recommended to have high marks in Preuba de Seleccion Universitaria (PSU).
Croatia	Svjedodžba o državnoj Maturi / Matura with an overall grade of 5 on a 5-point scale. To make your application competitive, you are recommended to have high marks in the state Matura examinations (državna matura).
Czech Republic	Vysvědčení o Maturitni Zkouška / Maturita with an overall average of 5 on a 5-point scale
Denmark	Studentereksamen (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with an average of 11 on a 12-point scale
Egypt	Certificate of General Secondary Education with an overall average of 90%
El Salvador	Bachillerato / Bachiller / Bachiller Academico with an overall average of 9 on a 10-point scale
Estonia	Gümnaasiumi Lõputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with an overall average of 5 on a 5-point scale. To make your application competitive, you are recommended to have high marks in Riigieksamid (State Examination Certificate).
Ethiopia	Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate with an overall average of 90%
Finland	Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamensbetyg (national matriculation examination) with four subjects, where no individual subject score is below Eximia cum laude approbatur (E)
France	Baccalaureate d'Enseignement du Second Degré/ Baccalaureate General/ Option Internationale du Baccalaureate (OIB) with an average of 17 (out of 20), provided that 12 is achieved in each of the subjects
Germany	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (German Abitur) with a total score of 14 points on a 15-point scale or 5 on a 6-point scale
Greece	Apolytirio Eniaiou Lykeiou with an overall average of 19 on a 20-point scale
Hungary	Érettségi / Matura with an overall average of 90%
Iceland	Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Examination) with an overall average of 9 on a 10-point scale
India	Pass Certificates obtained on completion of Standard X and Standard XII (State or National Boards) with an average of 90% in all subjects & 70% in each subject
Indonesia	Ijazah - Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA) (Diploma – General Senior Secondary School) with an overall average of 90% in all subjects & 70% in each subject; or Ijazah - Madrasah Aliyah (MA) (Diploma - Islamic Senior Secondary School) with an overall average of 90% in all subjects & 70% in each subject

Iran	High School Diploma with an overall average of 18 on a 20-point scale; or Pre-University Certificate / Konkur with an overall average of 90%
Ireland	Irish Leaving Certificate with H1H1H1H2H2 or better in five Higher
	Level subjects
Israel	Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate) with an overall average of 90%
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato (Certificate of National Examination) with an
	overall average of 90 on a 100-point scale
Japan	Senior School-leaving Certificate (e.g. Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho)
1	with an overall average of 90%. To make your application competitive,
	you are recommended to submit National Center Test (Sentā) results.
Kazakhstan	Attestat/ Svidetel' stvo o Srednem Obrazovanii:
	Completion of Certificate of Secondary Education (Attestat/ Svidetel' stvo
	o Srednem Obrazovanii) with grade 5 on a 5-point scale in each of the
	subjects; and
	An overall score of 90% in the Unified National Testing Examination (UNT).
Kyrgyzstan	Completion of Certificate of Secondary Education (Attestat o Srednem
	(polnom) Obrazovanii) with grade 5 on a 5-point scale in each of the
	subjects; and
	An overall score of 90% or above in the National Scholarship Test (ORT)
Laos	Upper Secondary School Diploma with marks at a high percentage
Latvia	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Atestāts Par Vispārējo Vidējo
	Izglītību) with an overall average of 90% for the examined subjects
Liechtenstein	Matura (Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination) with an overall
	average of 6 on a 6-point scale
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas (Maturity Certificate) with an overall average of 9 on a
	10-point scale for school subjects. To make your application competitive,
	you are recommended to have high marks in the state level examinations.
Luxembourg	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires with an overall average of 55 on a
	60-point scale
Macau SAR	Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma / Certificate with an overall
	average of 90% in all Grade 12 subjects
Macedonia	Secondary School Leaving Diploma / Matura with an overall grade of 5.0
Malaysia	An average of grade A in four STPM subjects in one sitting; or
iviality sta	Grade A2 in six subjects of Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) Senior
	Middle Level
Mauritius	Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate with an overall average of
	grade A in three A-Level subjects
Mexico	Mexican Bachillerato with an overall average of 9 on a 10-point scale
Moldova	Diplomã de Bacalaureat with an overall average of 9 on a 10-point scale
Mongolia	GPA of 12th grade: with an average of 90 out of 100
Morocco	Diplôme du Baccalauréat / Attestation du Baccalauréat (Baccalaureate Certificate) with an average of 19 on a 20-point scale
Myanmar	Basic Education High School Examination / Matriculation Examination
	with an overall average of 90%
Nepal	Higher Secondary Certificate at Grade 12 Level, with an overall average of 90%

The Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) Diploma with an average grade of 9 on a 10-point scale
New Zealand	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level Three
	Three subjects at Level 3, made up of 14 credits in each of three approved
	subjects Numeracy, 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
	 excellence standards - specified excellence standards available
	through a range of subjects, or
	• unit standards- package of three numeracy unit standards (26623,
	26626, 26627 - all three required).
	For details of the standards and approved subjects, please refer to the
	NZQA website at https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/
Norway	Vitnemål for videregående opplæring (generell studiekompetanse) with an overall average grade of 6 on a 6-point scale
Oman	Thanawiya Amma (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with an overall
	average of 90%
Pakistan	Completion of Higher Secondary School Certificate, with an average of
	90% in six subjects
Philippines	High School Diploma on an academic track of the K-12 education system
	with an overall average of 95%
Poland	Świadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura with 3 subjects at extended level and an
	overall average of 90%
Portugal	Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de
	Educação with an overall average of 19 on a 20-point scale. To make your
	application competitive, you are recommended to have high marks in the
	Exames Nacionais do Ensino Secundário (ENES).
Romania	Diploma De Bacalaureat with an overall average of 9.0 on a 10-point scale
Russia	Attestat o Srednem Obshchem Obrazovanii with an average of 5 on a 5-
	point scale. To make your application competitive, you are recommended
	to have high marks in the Unified State Examination (EGE).
Singapore	Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level
	Passes in three H2 subjects or two H2 + two H1 subjects in one sitting (All
	grades must be obtained from examinations taken within a twelve-month
	period.), with an average of grade A
Slovakia	Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej Skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
	with an overall average of 5 on a 5-point scale
Slovenia	Spričevalo o splošni maturi / Matura with an overall average of 5 on a 5-
	point scale
South Africa	National Senior Certificate with an overall average of 90% (Grade 6 on a
	7-point scale)
South Korea	Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/ Certificate with a grade of
	"su" (秀) in each of the subjects. To make your application competitive,
	you are recommended to have high marks in the College Scholaristic
	Ability Test (CSAT)
Spain	Titulo de Bachiller and reválida de Bachillerato (from 2018), with an
	overall average of 9.0 on a 10-point scale; or
	Titudo de Bachillerato and Prueba de Aptitud para Accesso a la

	Universidad (PAU-University Entrance Examination) (before 2018), with
	an overall average of 9.0 on a 10-point scale in both
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka GCE A-level
	3 AL passes in one sitting (All grades must be obtained from examinations
	taken within a twelve-month period.), with an overall average grade of A
Sweden	Högskoleförberedande Examen with an overall average of 19 on a 20-point
	scale or an overall average grade of A or above
Switzerland	One of the followings:
	Maturitätszeugnis
	Certificate De Maturité- Baccalauréat
	Attestato Di Maturità
	Eidgenössisch Anerkanntes Kantonales Maturitätszeugnis
	Certificat de Maturité Cantonal Reconnu par la Confédération
	Attestato Di Maturità Cantonale Riconosciuto dalla Confederazione
	Cantonal Maturity Certificate
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Taiwan	With an overall average of 6 on a 6-point scale General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) with at least 4 subjects within the
l aiwaii	top 10% of the cohort concerned (including English within the top 10% of
	the cohort concerned) (from 2019); or
	General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) with a total score within the top
	10% of the cohort (before 2019); or
	Advanced Subjects Test (AST) / 分科測驗 (from 2022) with a score within the top 10% of the cohort concerned in at least four subjects
Tajikistan	Completion of Certificate of Secondary Education (Attestat o Srednem
ajikistan	(Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii) with grade 5 on a 5-point scale in each
	of the subjects
 Tanzania	Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education, with AAA in three Principal
1 anzama	subjects
Thailand	Completion of Mathayom Suksa (M6), with an overall average of grade 4
	on a 4-point scale in all subjects
 Tunisia	Baccalauréat with an overall average of 19 on a 20-point scale
Turkey	Turkey Anadolu Lisesi/ Devlet Lise Diplomasi/ Lise Bitirme Diplomasi,
lurkey	with an overall average of 90%
UAE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
UAE	Tawjihiyya (Secondary Education Certificate) with an overall average of 90%
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Uganda	Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education with AAA in three principal
TI ' 17' 1 (OCE A	academic subjects
United Kingdom (GCE A-	2A* + 1A or above
Level / International A-	
Level)	
United Kingdom	An average of grade D2 in 3 Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects
(Cambridge Pre-U)	
(Scottish Advanced Highers)	A in three SQA Advanced Higher subjects
United Kingdom (BTEC)	BTEC Higher National Certificate (HNC); or
	BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND); or
	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma, provided that an overall grade

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	of DDD is achieved
United States of America	Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/ Certificate; and
	An overall total score of 1420 out of 1600 in SAT (from March 2016)/
	ACT: a composite score of 30 out of 36 or above in each subject; and
	AP: grade 5 out of 5 in each of the 2 Advanced Placement (AP) Tests
Vietnam	Bàng Tót Nghiệp Phó Thông Trung Hoc (Upper Secondary School Graduation Certificate) with an overall average of 9 (out of 10) in four subjects. Each of these four subjects should attain 8 or above.
Zimbabwe	AAA in three Zimbabwe GCE A-Level subjects with Grade A as the
	highest possible grade on the grading scale

Refer here for the general requirements of CUHK.

As there may be updates from time to time, no separate announcements would be made. The DDP reserves the right to modify the criteria without prior notice. Any dispute that may arise, the DDP shall prevail.

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