International Requirements by Country

American Overseas Schools and American-Patterned Education
(Japan, Korea, Taiwan, etc.)

International or U.S. students with diplomas from United States-administered American, International, or Department of Defense Dependent schools: Placement in the top twenty percent of the class and strong entrance test scores are required for freshman application. Students may apply during their senior year.

American and international students graduating from missionary and other private American type high schools abroad: Evaluation occurs on a case-by-case basis. SAT subject tests may strengthen application for admission.

Australia
Australian Capitol Territory: ACT Year 12 Certificate

New South Wales: Higher School Certificate (HSC)

Northern Territory: Northern Territory Certificate of Education

Queensland: Queensland Certificate of Education

South Australia: South Australia Certificate of Education

Tasmania: Tasmanian Certificate of Education

Victoria: Statement of Results, Victoria Certificate of Education (VCE)

Western Australia: Statement of Results, Western Australia Certificate of Education

Tertiary Entrance Exam Rank, UAI, or ENTER score, etc., is required along with any of the above certificates.

British-Patterned Education
(U.K., East and West Africa, Caribbean area, East Asia, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore.) Consideration for freshman admission requires at least five ordinary level passes from one sitting at “credit” standard on the General Certificate of Secondary Education, or a comparable maturity certificate (GCSE, CXC, SPM, HKCEE, IGCSE, WASC, EASC, etc.). The Certificate must include a “credit” or “distinction” standard in English. Externally-issued, ordinary level examination results/certificates must be received by the deadline for consideration. If A-Levels are being taken, predicted A-Level results should be submitted by the school at time of application.

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Students who are pursuing or who have completed A-Level exams will generally be awarded advanced standing credit hours for certain advanced level examinations completed with a grade of “C” or better.

These standards are tentative and are subject to change. Note: Principal Subject examinations are optional and not required for entrance.

Applicants from schools in Hong Kong:
The HKDSE will be required prior to enrollment in lieu of the HKCEE and/or HKALE.

Applicants from schools in Singapore:
H2 Levels may be considered equivalent to A Levels. A grade of “C” would be required for advanced standing credit consideration in appropriate academic subjects. These standards are subject to change. Predicted H Level results are required to be submitted by the school at time of application if these exams have not yet been taken.

Canada
British Columbia
A minimum of four or more Grade 12 provincially examinable academic subjects during the final year. One of these courses must be English 12 where students are required to sit for the provincial exam.

Ontario
A minimum of five Grade 12 U courses, including Grade 12 U English and one additional U/UC course (or completion of six OACs) leading to the OSSD are required for freshman application. Students may apply during the senior year. No advanced standing credit is given for Grade 12 U/UC coursework. Students who complete programs in Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAATs) apply for freshman admission. Up to 30 credits of advanced standing may be granted on a course-by-course basis for students who have completed a three-year CAAT program. No credit is awarded for completion of a one- or two-year program.

Quebec
Students enrolled in the first year of a College d’enseignement General et Professionnel (CEGEP) apply for freshman admission. (Students must be enrolled in twelve academic courses, not including physical education.) A high level of academic achievement is required. Students who complete a full academic (non-vocational) CEGEP program (two or three years) may apply for freshman admission with advanced standing. Advanced standing credit will not exceed 30 credit hours.

All other Provinces
Completion of the secondary school program and achievement of a high standard (usually top 10% of the class) are required for freshman application. Students may apply during the senior year.

China
Completion of the senior secondary school program is required for freshman application. Students may apply during the senior year. Transcripts must be officially issued by the senior
secondary school and submitted by the school in the original language along with official English translations. Prior to enrollment, an officially certified copy of the Gaokao or Huikao, along with an official English translation, is required. If the Gaokao is not taken, the Huikao, or four different academic Advanced Placement (AP) exams (including one social science subject) if in an AP curriculum, should be submitted in lieu of the Gaokao, unless the student is submitting three to four British-patterned full Advanced Level examinations, an International Baccalaureate Diploma, a Canadian high school diploma or another international high school graduation credential. Students who have completed high school as well as university transfer applicants are required to submit a certificate of high school graduation showing actual graduation date along with English translation in addition to the final high school transcript and English translation showing grades for all three years of high school. University transfer applicants must also arrange for an official university transcript report to be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the China Academic Degree and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), 18th Floor, Tongfang Keji Building B, No.1, Wangzhuang Road, No.1, Wangzhuang Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100083, China, Tel: 86-10-82379480, Fax: 86-10-82379491, Email: cqv@cdgdc.edu.cn, Website: www.cdgdc.edu.cn

**Europe**

Students holding a national secondary school leaving certificate of high standard may be considered for freshman admission. Specifics for each country are listed below. In addition to the credentials listed below, the “European Baccalaureate” is also acceptable. Please note: Due to the release date of national examinations, students are expected to be enrolled in programs preparing them for these examinations. Students who are in the final year of preparation may apply for freshman admission. These applicants must request the predicted results of any external examination, along with school marks, to be sent to the College of Charleston.

* **Austria**: Reifezeugnis; Matura
* **Belgium**: Certificat de Enseignement Secondaire Superieur; Diploma Secundair
* **Bulgaria**: Diploma za Zavarsheno, Sredno Obrazovanie
* **Commonwealth of Independent States**: Matura/Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Oschchem Obrazovanii
* **Cyprus**: Apolytirion; Lise Diplomasi; GCSE
* **Czech Republic**: Maturitni Zkouska; Vysvedceni
* **Denmark**: Studentereksamen; Hojere Forberedelseseksamen; Hojere Handelseksamen; Hojere Teknisk Eksamen
* **Finland**: Ylioppilastutkintotodistus; Studentexamensbetyg

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Germany: Abitur (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife). Advanced standing of seven to eight credits may be given for certain exams taken in appropriate Abitur (Leistungskurse Prufungsfacher) subjects with acceptable exam scores of seven or above.

Greece: Apolytirio Eniaiou Lykeiou

Hungary: (Matura) Gimnazium Erettseg i Bizonyitvany

Iceland: Studentsprof. Advanced standing of up to 30 semester credits may be awarded on a subject-by-subject basis for exam scores of six or better on the studentsprof.

Italy: Diploma di maturità/di Esame di Stato

Luxembourg: Diplome de Fin d’Etudes Secondaires

Netherlands: Diploma from antheneum, gymnasium, H.B.S., lyceum or V.W.O.

Norway: Vitnemal from upper secondary. Limited advanced standing credit may be given for certain “branch” subjects in which a national written or spoken exam was taken with scores of five or six. If the “Examen Philosophicum” is taken, nine credits may be awarded for an acceptable score.

Poland: Swiadectwo Dojrzalosci; Matura

Portugal: Diploma de Ensino Secundario

Romania: Diploma de Bacalaureat

Scotland: Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC), at least four higher level subjects

Spain: Titulo de Bachiller or Curso de Orientation Universitaria (C.O.U.)

Sweden: Avgangsbetyg; Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskola

Switzerland: Maturitätszeugnis; certificat de maturité; attestato di maturità.

Turkey: Lise Diplomasi

United Kingdom: see section “British-Patterned Education.”

Yugoslavian-Patterned Education
(Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Slovenia.)
Matura; Svjedocanstvo-Svjedodzba o o Zavr senom Obrazovanju (Serbian)

French-Patterned Education
(France, Middle East, Africa, Caribbean area.) In general, completion of the baccalaureate and achievement of a high standard of bien is required for freshman application. Nevertheless, because of varying standards, students from certain countries possessing an overall assez bien average will be considered. Students may apply during the senior year. Applicants from most countries will not qualify for advanced standing credit.

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India
A certificate representing 12 years of academic education (excluding pre-school or kindergarten years) with an equivalent of first division achievement in senior secondary school is required for freshman application. (Examples: All India Senior School Certificate, Indian School Certificate, Delhi Senior School Certificate, Higher Secondary Certificate). Consideration for transfer admission requires official, externally-issued university mark sheets with First Division achievement for each year of study. These must be sent directly by the “Controller of Examinations.”

Indonesia
STK SMP or STTB diploma from an SMA high school. Students may apply during the senior year.

International Baccalaureate
Students who have completed an International Baccalaureate program should apply at the freshman level. Students may apply during the senior year. Students may be given advanced standing credit for examinations passed at the Higher Level with minimum grades of five, (or in some subjects, four) or better. No advanced standing credit is granted for Standard or Subsidiary Level Examinations. Predicted IB results are needed if exams have not yet been taken.

Latin America
Application at the freshman level is permitted if the student can present an average of sobresaliente, excelente, or muy bueno on the bachillerato or comparable certificate. Students may apply during the senior year.

Middle East
Completion of the national secondary school certificate examinations with marks at a high percentage is required for freshman application. (Examples: General Secondary School Certificate, Tawjihi, June written examinations.)

Israel: Bagrut Examination Scores and Certificate

New Zealand
NCEA Level 3 and any Level 4 results from New Zealand Qualification Authority.

Philippines
In general, one year of well above average work in a recognized Philippine university is required for application. Official results of the National College Entrance Exam should also be submitted.

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