

**Admission Criteria for University at Buffalo**

**Awarded by University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, U.S.**

Updated as at October 2024

Academic Qualification	Minimum Academic Criteria	English Language Proficiency Requirement	Recommendation (for 1st Offer)	
			Degree	Double Degree/Major
GCE 'A' Level <sup>2</sup>	One H2 and 5 'O' level credit pass	Credit pass in English at 'O' level	Best 5 subjects incl EL + at least 1 'A' level	Min 10 points for 'A' level subjects
IP (Integrated Programme)	Two H2 and two H1 or three H2	GP's (H1) mark needs to be D or higher (special case will be given for E)	2H2 and 2H1 or 3H2	Min 10 points for 'A' level subjects
Diploma	Diploma from local Polytechnic	Credit pass in English at 'O' level	GPA at least 2.0 (RP - GPA at least 3.0)	GPA at least 3.0
MFS Certificate	5 O' level credit pass + MFS (pass) <5 O'level credit pass + MFS (average B)	Credit pass in English at 'O' level	5 O' level credit pass + MFS (pass) <5 O' level credit pass + MFS (average B)	5 O' level credit pass + MFS (average B)
International Foundation Program (UOL IFP)	IFP (pass); Complete High school qualifications.	Credit pass in English at 'O' level	-	-
Information Technology Foundation Studies (ITFS)	5 O' level credit pass + ITFS; Complete High School Qualifications + ITFS	Credit pass in English at 'O' level	-	-
SIM Diploma	Min. GPA 2.5	Credit pass in English at 'O' level or other accepted EL proficiency test <sup>1</sup>	Best 5 subjects incl EL + SIM Diploma	Max 10 points (best 5 subjects incl EL) + SIM Diploma
IB	IB Diploma <sup>3</sup> / IBCP Diploma <sup>4</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IB / IBCP Diploma Higher Level English A1 or A2, Grade 4 or better</li> <li>or</li> <li>• Accepted EL proficiency test<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	IB / IBCP Diploma (not middle year programme) - most recent 3 years of high school grade B equivalent to IB score of 4.5	

<sup>1</sup> Accepted English Language proficiency test taken within 2 years from course commencement; IELTS 6.5; TOEFL 550; IBT 79; SAT 1 ERWS 550; PTE Academic 55; ACT English and reading sections 20 ; Duolingo (DET) 120

<sup>2</sup> Computation of 'A' level subjects: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1

<sup>3</sup> IB Diploma holders with 30 points eligible for 30 credits towards degree

<sup>4</sup> Transfer credit is awarded on the HL level courses in the IBCP

**Appendix 1: List of Foreign Qualifications Equivalent  
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Country	Academic Qualification	English Language Proficiency Requirement	Minimum Academic Criteria
US	High School	Accepted EL proficiency test <sup>1</sup>	Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
Australia	Australian High School Certificate		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum average grade of 'B' (e.g. a minimum ENTER score of 70 or higher for Victoria state)
Bangladesh	Year 12 High School		Most recent 3 years of high school grades and examination results with a minimum average grade of 70% or higher, and Grade 10 and Grade 12 state or national secondary school board examination
Cambodia	High School Certificate		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum average grade of "B"
China	Senior High School		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum average grade of 80 or higher
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)		Most recent 3 years of annual class marks/grades with equivalent of a 'B' average and in order to finalise admissions, applicants should present an official copy of HKDSE examination results (with 4 core subjects and at least 1 elective subject with no grade below 3 in at least 5 of those subjects) and the HKDSE certificate
India	Year 12 High School		Most recent 3 years of high school grades and examination results with a minimum average grade of 70% or higher, and Grade 10 and Grade 12 state or national secondary school board examination results (i.e. Statement of Results)
Indonesia	High School Certificate		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum average grade of 7 or higher (on a 10-point scale)
Japan	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho)		Most recent 3 years of annual class marks/grades and Upper Secondary School leaving Certificate. Average B grade.
Kazakhstan	High School Certificate		High School Graduation is noted with the "Attestation of Complete Secondary Education" (showing at least 12 years of education). Overall grade average of at least 3.75 out of 5
Laos	High School Diploma		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum grade of B
Malaysia	UEC/STPM		Minimum 1 STPM/UEC Pass and 5 credit passes (6 or better) for SPM
Mongolia	High School Diploma		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum of grade B or 80-89 or GPA of 3 / 4
Myanmar	BEHS		Basic Education High School Examination (BEHS) ["A" University Stream only] with 70% average or higher
Nepal	High School Certificate		(i) Class marks for most recent 3 years of high school and the Proficiency Certificate with a minimum average grade of 65%; (ii) Most recent 3 years of high school grades and Grade 10 and Grade 12 national secondary school board examination results (i.e. Statement of Results)

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Nigeria	Senior School Certificate	Accepted EL proficiency test <sup>1</sup>	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) results showing at least 5 subjects passed (grades of "C" or higher)
Philippines	High School Certificate		High school diploma (earned after 10 or 11 years) with a minimum average grade of "B" (85%)
			Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum grade of 4 /5
Russia	High School Diploma		Most recent 3 years of senior high school transcript showing graduation, minimum average grade of "B"
South Korea	Senior High School Diploma		
Sri Lanka	'A' level		(i) Combination of 5 'O' level and 'A' level passes in core academic subjects, or (ii) Minimum 3 'A' level passes in core academic subjects
Taiwan	Senior High School Certificate		Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum average grade of 70% or higher
Thailand	High School Certificate (Mathayom Suksa 6 or M6)		Minimum average grade of 75% or better (or a 3.0 out of 4.0 if on the 4-point scale)
Vietnam	High School Certificate	Most recent 3 years of high school grades with a minimum average grade of 7 or higher (also need the Bang Tot Nghiep Pho Thong certificate or Bang Tu Tai)	

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