

International Foundation Year

Recommended Entry Requirements by Country

High School Qualifications

The table on the next page shows the minimum high school grade normally considered for entry to the IFY programme. If your country is not listed, please email ifyp@soton.ac.uk for specific entry criteria.

The average grade is calculated using the student's final secondary/high school education grades for their last two or three years. All subjects which have been studied by the student will be included when calculating this grade.

Applications for LLB Law and undergraduate programmes with Economics

IFY students progressing to undergraduate programmes in law and combined economics are required to have very good high school grades which are equivalent to strong AS level results. The exact equivalent for specific countries can be obtained by contacting ifyp@southampton.ac.uk

Maths requirements for Accounting & Finance, Management and Economics

IFY students progressing to Accounting & Finance, Management and Economics are required to have a good level of maths. All applicants for the IFY will be asked to take the [online maths test](#). This will indicate if the applicant has the level of maths required to take the degree they have chosen. It is not a condition of entry. However, IFY students will have to take a formal maths test on arrival at the University to check the level of their maths meets the requirement for their degree choice.

English Language Requirement

The English Language entry criteria for admission to the International Foundation Year (IFY) at University of Southampton are minimum IELTS scores of 5.5 ([or equivalent](#)) in each component.

Minimum Age

IFY students must be a minimum of 16 years old on the first day of the University of Southampton's [autumn term](#) to meet UK Border Agency's visa requirements.

Length of High School Education

Students should normally have completed 11 or 12 years of high school education.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications to this course is 1st August.

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

AS Levels

Students completing AS Levels in three/four subjects will be considered for the IFY. However the reasons for not studying for a minimum of three A-levels must be explained fully in the application for the IFY. Students are normally required to have obtained a minimum of grade C in at least three subjects relevant to their degree choice.

A-Levels

Students who have completed A-Levels, but who have not achieved appropriate scores for direct entry to the University of Southampton, are not normally accepted on the IFY.

iGCSE

Students achieving five iGCSE subjects at Grade C or above will be considered for the IFY

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Students who have completed the IB Diploma, but who have not achieved appropriate scores for direct entry to the University of Southampton are not normally accepted on the IFY.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Certificate

Students who have completed the IB Certificate will be considered for the IFY, if they have reached a minimum of Grade 5 in at least 3 subjects.

Argentina	Senior High School certificate with average grades of 7/10
Armenia	Certificate of Completed Secondary School or Preliminary Professional Certificate with a minimum score of 13/20. [Pass mark is 8/20}
Azerbaijan	Attestat: Secondary School Leaving Certificate - Overall average grade 4.0 out of 5.0 with 4.0 out of 5.0 in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Bahrain	Tawjahiya (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) - Average 85% with minimum of 85% in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Bangladesh	High School Certificate with grade average of 65% and a minimum of 70% in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Belarus	Secondary school leaving certificate (Year 11) GPA 7/10
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Secondary School Leaving Diploma with an overall grade of 4 will be considered for IFY.
Botswana	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate with an average score of 75%+
Brazil	The Ensino Medio with a grade of 8 PLUS Exame Nacional do Ensino Medio with a mark of 55
Chile	Senior High School Certificate with overall minimum of grade 5
China	Average Grade B (80%) with minimum B (80%) in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course at Senior High School (three years). Students completing two years of Senior High School should have achieved 85%.
Colombia	Senior High School Certificate with average grades of 3.8/5 or B or 75/100
Cyprus (North)	Lise Diplomasi overall grade 8/10
Cyprus (South)	Apolytirion overall grade 17/20
Ecuador	Senior Secondary School with overall grade of 15/20 with 16 in Maths
Egypt	Al Azhar Secondary School Certificate or the Thanaweya A'ama 85% overall and in relevant subjects
Estonia	Gumnaasiumi loputunnistus grade 4 plus 80% in state exams with good grades
Gambia	SSCE (WASSCE) with: Average of Grade B3 in 5 subjects Minimum grade C6 in English Minimum C6 in Maths
Georgia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (sashualo skolis atestati) Avg 2 on 1-4 scale, 7 on 0 - 10 or C
Greece	Apolytirion overall grade 17/20
India	Higher Senior School Certificate (Standard XII) with grade average of 70%. The State

	Boards of Delhi, Maharashtra, Chennai, Kolkata or Karnataka allow progression to Year 1 of a degree
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar Sekolah Menengah Umum (STTB SMU) - Upper Secondary Certificate of Completion achieving 7 out of 10: approximately 50 points with 7+
Iran	Diplom - Metevaseth / Nameh Dabirestan (Secondary Leaving Certificate) Cumulative grade of 15/20 overall with 16/20 in relevant subjects
Iraq	Secondary Education Certificate with average grade of 85%
Japan	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate / Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho or Centre Test 4/5 or 8/10 overall and 4.0 or B or 8.0 in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Jordan	Certificate of General Secondary Education - 85% overall with 85% in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Kazakhstan	Certificate of Secondary Education (Attestat) Overall average grade 4.0 out of 5.0 with 4.0 out of 5.0 in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Kenya	Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) :Grade B or 65% average with at least grade B or 65% in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Korea	Inmungye KodBng High School Diploma - Average grade B (woo) overall with grade B (woo) in relevant subjects
Kuwait	Al-Thawayya Al-Aama (General Secondary Education Certificate - Average 85% with minimum 85% in relevant subjects
Kyrgyzstan	Senior High School Certificate with an average of 4/5
Lebanon	Baccalauréat Général - 15/20 overall with at least 15/20 in relevant subjects
Libya	Secondary Education Certificate - Average 85% with minimum 85% in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Malaysia	Completion of SPM with grade B overall/average and one year of STPM with good grades
Mexico	Senior High School Certificate with average grades of 13/20 or 75/100
Moldova	Secondary school leaving certificate (Year 11). GPA 7/10
Mongolia	Certificate of Secondary Education with a 70% average
Myanmar	Basic Education High School Examination/Matriculation with 70% overall
Nepal	Completion of School leaving Intermediate Certificate (after 12 years of education) with overall grade of 65%, with minimum of 70% in relevant subjects
Nigeria	Successful completion of Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) (WAEC and/or

& Ghana	NECO) B or B3 average. B2 in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course plus four other subjects. C6 in English in lieu of IELTS
Oman	Tawjihyya, Thanawa Amma – Average 85% with minimum 85% in relevant subjects
Pakistan	Year 12 Certificate – 65% overall with 70% in relevant subjects
Panama	Senior High School Certificate with an overall minimum of 80% or 4/5
Peru	Senior High School Certificate with average grades of 13/20
Qatar	Al-Thawayya Al-Aama (General Secondary Education Certificate) 85% overall with 85% in relevant subjects
Russia	Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education (Аттестат о среднем полном общем образовании) or Attestat o Srednem Obshchem Obrazovanii - Minimum of Grade 4.0 overall and in relevant subjects
Saudi Arabia	Tawjihyah (General Secondary Education Certificate) – 85% overall with 85% in relevant subjects
Singapore	Singapore/Cambridge O-Levels: four subjects with Grade B or above
Sudan	Sudan School Certificate - An average of 70% (grade B) with at least 70% (grade B) in relevant subjects
Syria	Al Shahada Al Thanawiya with grade average of 85%
Taiwan	Senior High School Certificate with 70% or a B average in at least 5 subjects in the Senior High School Certificate and minimum of 75% in relevant subjects
Thailand	School leaving certificate. Mathayom 6 (M6) 75 Units - Overall score of 2.75 - 3.0 with 3.0 in relevant subjects or 65% overall with 70% in relevant subjects
Turkey	State or Private High School Diploma or the Lise Bitirme Diplomasi or Devlet Lise Diplomasi: 3.5 out of 5 (70%) with minimum of 3.5 out of 5 (70%) in relevant subjects
UAE	Emirati High School Diploma – Average 85% with minimum 85% in relevant subjects
Ukraine	Аттестат про повну загальну середню освіту (Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education), overall average grade 4.0 out of 5.0 with 4.0 out of 5.0 in relevant subjects
Uzbekistan	Secondary school leaving certificate (Year 11). CGPA 4/5
Venezuela	Senior High School Certificate with average grades of 13/20
Vietnam	Upper Secondary School Graduation Certificate. GPA of 7.5 and above with 7.5 in relevant subjects for their chosen undergraduate course
Zambia	Zambian High School Certificate with an overall score of Merit or 3