



# Agreed entry requirements criteria for EU/EFTA Applicants

(other than Irish Leaving Certificate)

for 2017 entry

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## Important Note

**Please note this document refers to 2017 only. It is revised annually. It will, therefore, act as a guideline only.** Adjustments to the guideline scoring may be required where changes occur in educational systems, or in trends in grades awarded, in any of the countries described in the document.

If such changes are necessary for 2017 they will be highlighted on this page, with the date at which they are incorporated into the document.

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## Participating Institutions

Name	Address	Website
Athlone Institute of Technology	Dublin Road, Athlone, Co Westmeath	<a href="http://www.ait.ie">www.ait.ie</a>
Cork Institute of Technology	Bishopstown, Cork	<a href="http://www.cit.ie">www.cit.ie</a>
Dublin City University	Glasnevin, Dublin 9	<a href="http://www.dcu.ie">www.dcu.ie</a>
Dublin Institute of Technology	143-149 Rathmines Road, Dublin 6	<a href="http://www.dit.ie">www.dit.ie</a>
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology	Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	<a href="http://www.iadt.ie">www.iadt.ie</a>
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	<a href="http://www.dkit.ie">www.dkit.ie</a>
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	Dublin Road, Galway	<a href="http://www.gmit.ie">www.gmit.ie</a>
Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown	Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	<a href="http://www.itb.ie">www.itb.ie</a>
Institute of Technology, Carlow	Kilkenny Road, Carlow, Co Carlow	<a href="http://www.itcarlow.ie">www.itcarlow.ie</a>
Institute of Technology, Sligo	Ballinode, Sligo	<a href="http://www.itsligo.ie">www.itsligo.ie</a>
Institute of Technology, Tallaght	Tallaght, Dublin 24	<a href="http://www.it-tallaght.ie">www.it-tallaght.ie</a>
Institute of Technology, Tralee	Clash, Tralee, Co Kerry	<a href="http://www.ittralee.ie">www.ittralee.ie</a>
Letterkenny Institute of Technology	Port Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal	<a href="http://www.lyit.ie">www.lyit.ie</a>
Limerick Institute of Technology	Moylish Park, Limerick	<a href="http://www.lit.ie">www.lit.ie</a>
Maynooth University	Maynooth, Co Kildare	<a href="http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie">www.maynoothuniversity.ie</a>
National College of Art and Design	100 Thomas Street, Dublin 2	<a href="http://www.ncad.ie/">http://www.ncad.ie/</a>
National University of Ireland, Galway	Newcastle, Galway	<a href="http://www.nuigalway.ie">www.nuigalway.ie</a>
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	123 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2	<a href="http://www.rcsi.ie/study">www.rcsi.ie/study</a>
Trinity College	College Green, Dublin 2	<a href="http://www.tcd.ie">www.tcd.ie</a>
University College Cork (NUI)	Western Road, Cork	<a href="http://www.ucc.ie">www.ucc.ie</a>
University College Dublin (NUI)	Belfield, Dublin 4	<a href="http://www.ucd.ie">www.ucd.ie</a>
University of Limerick	Plassey Technological Park, Limerick	<a href="http://www.ul.ie">www.ul.ie</a>
Waterford Institute of Technology	Cork Road, Waterford	<a href="http://www.wit.ie">www.wit.ie</a>

**Queries should be addressed to the Admissions Officer of the HEI applied for not CAO**

# Introduction

## 1. Background

This document is based on a combination of information available from international qualifications recognition databases, historical data for admissions standards for entry in the past and examination performance statistics where available. **It will act as a guideline only.**

Adjustments to the guideline scoring may be required where changes occur in educational systems, or in trends in grades awarded, in any of the countries described in the document. The purpose of this document on Guideline Entry Requirements for EU students presenting with qualifications (other than the Irish School Leaving Certificate Examination) is to provide a framework for comparisons of European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) qualifications for entry to undergraduate Degree Programmes in Irish Universities.

This will facilitate applicants in understanding the factors that determine the minimum entry requirements and the competitive entry requirements that equate with achievements in the school leaving qualifications in their country. However, applicants should be advised that in the case of high demand programmes, e.g. Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, other criteria may be also applied to particular examination qualifications.

This document is a policy document based on a draft document prepared to support a pilot scheme that was implemented in 2006 in the NUI Universities and RCSI. It has since been joined by Dublin City University, University of Limerick and Trinity College Dublin and, from 2014, Institutes of Technology Ireland.

This document is the agreed criteria of the participating institutions and the equivalences will act as recommendations and are not binding. It is planned to review and refine the document at the end of each CAO season, with a view to publishing the scheme for the following year's entry.

Please note the Irish Leaving Certificate scoring system has changed 2017. This may lead to a change in the points profile of Irish school-leavers. Country comparisons will be updated for 2018 and following years when statistics are available.

## 2. Scope of the Document

This document covers admission to undergraduate courses in the participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) only. At undergraduate level, the HEIs offer courses spanning levels 6, 7, 8 on the National Qualifications Framework (see [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie) for details)

- Level 8 = Honours Bachelor Degree
- Level 7 = Ordinary Bachelor Degree
- Level 6 = Higher Certificate or Advanced Certificate

Unless otherwise specified it refers to examination systems currently in operation. Applicants presenting older examinations or qualifications not listed should contact the Admissions Office of the HEI to which they are applying in advance of making an application. It will not be possible to review the recognition of a qualification following the issue of offers.

## 3. Minimum Entry Requirements (Matriculation)

The minimum standard in order to be eligible for consideration for admission is specified for Level 8 and Level 6/7 in each country section. In all cases proof of English proficiency is required (see section 4). It must be noted that for some HEIs and/or some courses the minimum eligibility may differ both in terms of grades and subject requirements (e.g. for some HEIs Mathematics is required for matriculation). In addition there are specific subject requirements for most courses and this document should be read in conjunction with the HEIs entry requirement literature.

Only subjects which are normally recognised for purposes of admission to Irish Higher Education Institutions will be considered. In general, vocational qualifications/subjects will not be considered for Level 8 courses.

In general, in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate matriculation for **level 8 degrees** is either

- 2 H5 required i.e. 6 subjects at ordinary level D3 or better including 2 with minimum of C3 at higher level  
or
- 3 H5 required i.e. 6 subjects at ordinary level D3 or better including 3 with minimum of C3 at higher level.

For **level 7/6 awards**, matriculation is normally

- 5 subjects at ordinary level D3 or better

Please note: entry to undergraduate courses in Ireland, and especially Level 8, **is competitive** and attainment of the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee a place. A points scoring system is in operation. It is not possible to forecast how many points will be required for a particular course until the current year's examination results are known (August each year).

Only recognised subjects are considered. In general subjects deemed equivalent to a subject offered in the Irish Leaving Certificate or listed on the [A-level list of recognised subjects](#) are considered. If you are presenting subjects not listed, please contact the Admissions Office of the HEI to which you are applying.

#### 4. English Language requirements

Teaching in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) is normally through the medium of English; therefore all applicants are required to demonstrate a high level of **Competence in English Language**.

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of equivalent **Competence in English Language**, through their school leaving examination or matriculation examination or by achieving the minimum standard (**there may be higher levels for particular programmes in individual institutions**) in a recognised English language test, as specified below:

- **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**  
90 Internet based (no less than 20 in each section) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)  
A minimum score of 600 administered by Princeton University, with Test of Written English at 475+.
- **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**  
Test Patterns A and B, with an average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.00 in each band.
- **University of Cambridge:**  
180+ on Cambridge English scale with no less than 175 in each skill and use of English i.e.  
Proficiency Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)  
Advanced Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)  
First Certificate, Grade A (CEFR Level C1)
- **English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP):**  
With grade C1 or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
- **UK Examining Boards/Bodies**  
GCE O Level English Language at Grade C or above  
GCSE English Language at Grade C or above  
GCSE English Literature at Grade C or above  
CSE Grade 1 Pass in English
- **University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES)**  
with English at grade C or above (incorporating the Oxford Examining Body's English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper)
- **EU Countries' Matriculation Examination<sup>1</sup>**  
Matriculation Examinations from European Countries where English is presented as a subject and an acceptable level is achieved. Where the examination has been taken more than 2 years previously candidates may be required to take a proficiency test.

Where an English proficiency test which is scored on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is presented as part of a school-leaving qualification, grade must be C1/C2.

- **Pearson English language text (PTE Academic):**  
minimum of 63 (with at least 59 for each item). (not currently accepted by DCU)

<sup>1</sup> English requirements may vary for HEIs and individual courses– please consult HEI websites for details.

- **Trinity ISE**  
Trinity ISE 3 with at least merit in each skill category
- **QQI FETAC ESL**  
Distinction in the module "English as a Second Language"
- **Or an equivalent level of English in a recognised examination**

Proficiency tests are used to meet entry requirements but do not count towards points scores. For all proficiency tests the results must normally have issued within two years prior to the start of your course.

Note: Where an applicant shows evidence of hearing impairment which meets the requirements for access, the English language requirements can be met without the hearing and speaking components

## **5. Application process**

Applicants must apply through the Central Applications System (CAO). Complete information on the CAO system is available in the CAO Handbook and is also available on the CAO Website at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). Each application must be accompanied by appropriate documentation as outlined below.

### **Documentation to be submitted with CAO Application Form**

When submitting an application to the CAO it must be accompanied by the following documentation (or followed by the documentation if applying on-line):

- Certified true copy of official transcripts of academic results
- In some cases, the final school report is also required (to show the full range of subjects taken)
- A certified English translation is required in the case of qualifications not issued originally in English or Irish, in addition to the certified A4 photocopies of the documents themselves.

In the absence of these documents and translations the application may not be processed. Applicants who are awaiting current year examination results must forward their results as soon as they become available to the CAO. For applicants who are successful in their application, the HEI will require that the original documentation be presented at registration for verification. Offers of places are provisional until such time as all Registration formalities have been completed within the University.

## **6. Evaluating Applications**

When EU applicants' results are being evaluated it will be on the basis of the results of any one examination taken in a single sitting (insofar as it is possible with the relevant examination system).

The first stage of the evaluation process requires an applicant's results to meet the **Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation** and specific subject requirements of a programme.

The second stage of the evaluation process involves ranking the applicant's results relative to other EU applicants. All EU applicants will compete on equivalences as outlined in the tables, which follow.

It should be noted that where subjects are being presented to meet course or matriculation requirements, then only those subjects which have an appropriate weighting in the relevant examination and are recognised for matriculation/entry purposes by Higher Education Institutions which are party to this document, will be considered. Where oral and written examinations are presented in the same subject in the same sitting used for scoring, the average of the two will be used for eligibility and scoring.

For each European Union country the recognised examinations, matriculation requirements and the method of calculating indicative points score (IPS) are now presented in alphabetical order in the pages, which follow.

## **7. EU applicants presenting non-EU qualifications**

It is not possible to include every qualification in this document. Non-EU qualifications are assessed jointly insofar as possible. Applicants presenting non-EU qualifications should seek advice from the Admissions Office of the HEI(s) to which they are applying regarding eligibility and entry requirements. While an Admissions Office may give an indication of likely points conversion, this will not be final until agreed by all relevant Admissions Officers.

In some HEIs non-EU applicants apply direct to the HEI. Please check your fees status with the institutions to which you are applying if in doubt.

### 8. Applicant's Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide full and accurate information in the application and to notify the University of any changes or corrections made to the original application. Applicants must provide copies of both the official (untranslated) document and a translation where the official document is not issued in English.

The HEI may request verification from the issuing authority of any or all details on documentation presented. If documents are found to have been falsified the awarding body will be notified.

In the light of additional information which was not available at the time of selection, an offer may be amended or, in exceptional circumstances, withdrawn. The University also reserves the right to correct errors where they have been made in the communication of decisions and offers.

The onus is on the applicant to check entry criteria for the programmes for which they are applying. Please note, criteria can change from year to year.

Outstanding school leaving qualifications should be submitted as soon as possible after they issue. As most EU qualifications require manual assessment, we cannot guarantee that documents received after 1 August will be included for Round 1 assessment. It may not be possible to gain entry in the current year if documents and/or results are presented later than this.



## Understanding the page for each Country

### A brief note about education in Ireland

In Ireland, students normally take 7 subjects for their terminal second level examination, known as the Leaving Certificate (LC). For most subjects there are two levels of examination, Higher (H) and Ordinary (O). Each subject is graded from 1 (max) to 8, with 6 as the minimum pass mark. However, a H7 may be accepted as a pass in some cases.

Entry to third level is very competitive. Firstly applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements (matriculation). For each institution there is an overall minimum requirement, (e.g. 2 H5 and 4 O6 including Maths and English). In addition, there may be specific requirements for individual courses.

All applicants who meet minimum requirements compete based on their overall points score which is attained from their six best subjects, attained in a single sitting, with 100 being the maximum for each subject. If Higher Level Mathematics is counted among the subjects, 25 bonus points are awarded; the maximum available is 625 points.

### Meeting these requirements

On the page for your country you will see the following headings

#### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

Check that your examination is listed here. Not all examinations are automatically accepted.

#### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

This explains the minimum entry requirements for the HEIs. Generally there are different levels for Level 8 and Level 6/7 qualifications. Within level 8, some HEIs require 2H5 and others require 3H5.

**Single Sitting:** Explains how subjects can be combined to comply with the single sitting rule.

**English Language Competence:** The minimum English language requirement

#### Specific Subject Requirements:

This shows you how to convert the specific subject grades you will find on a HEIs website to the requirement for your country. E.g. on the sample below if Mathematics H5 is required you will need to attain an Advanced level grade C. NB this is not used for calculating points

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Country exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Country Exam</b>
H1	Advanced A	O1	Ordinary A
H2	Advanced B	O2	Ordinary B
H3	Advanced B	O3	Ordinary B
H4	Advanced C	O4	Ordinary C
H5	Advanced C	O5	Ordinary C
H6	Advanced D	O6	Ordinary D
H7	Advanced E		

#### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

Explains the calculation of points in a table headed Points Equivalence Table

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
1	600
2	400
3	200

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Shows how bonus points for Mathematics are awarded (they are not awarded where there is only one level of Mathematics available in the country).

#### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

Shows any qualifications which are not acceptable for Level 8 courses but may be accepted for level 6/7

## Undergraduate Applications Appeals Process

1. Applications presenting EU/EFTA qualifications are assessed on the basis of criteria published by the participating HEIs (in prospectuses and on websites) and in this document.
2. Applicants who feel their application has not been fairly assessed should contact the Admissions Officer of the relevant Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the first instance and if the issue is a clerical error or documentation not previously available, it can be resolved locally.
3. Please note appeals must be made within 20 days of the Round 1 offer date and must be made by the applicant. We cannot enter in to correspondence with third parties
4. If the matter cannot be resolved locally, an appeal may be lodged on one of the following grounds
  - a. Incorrect process; specific evidence of irregularity in the applications assessment process;
  - b. Specified/stated grounds where the decision was based on misinterpretation of data or information provided as part of the application process
5. Such an appeal will be referred to the Standing Committee of Admissions Officers.
6. In the event that the outcome of the appeal does not satisfy the applicant, a further and final appeal may be made to the Registrar/Senior Lecturer of the relevant HEI. The Registrar/Senior Lecturer will consult with the other HEIs as appropriate.
7. The Admissions Officers will endeavour to reply to appeals as speedily as possible. However, decisions may take 5-7 working days.
8. This appeals process operates in conjunction with any local appeals processes within the HEIs.

## Glossary

<b>CAO</b>	Central Applications Office
<b>EU</b>	European Union Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; United Kingdom
<b>EFTA</b>	European Free Trade Association: Iceland; Norway; Lichtenstein; Switzerland
<b>HEI</b>	Higher Education Institution
<b>IPS</b>	Indicative points score
<b>LC</b>	Irish Leaving Certificate
<b>Level 6</b>	Higher Certificate – see <a href="http://www.nfq.ie">www.nfq.ie</a> for details of qualification framework
<b>Level 7</b>	Ordinary degree – see <a href="http://www.nfq.ie">www.nfq.ie</a> for details of qualification framework
<b>Level 8</b>	Honours degree – see <a href="http://www.nfq.ie">www.nfq.ie</a> for details of qualification framework
<b>Matric:</b>	Matriculation i.e. minimum requirement to be eligible for consideration for admission to the institution.
<b>Points</b>	The mechanism by which applicants who meet basic matriculation requirements are scored. Eligible applicants are ranked in descending points order and places allocated from the highest score downwards until the programme is full.

# Austria

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildendehöhere Schulen)
- Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis (from Allgemeinbildendehöhere Schulen)

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 4 (scale 5-1 where 1 is best)

**Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation:** The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at grade 3 and 4 subjects at grade 4.
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects at grade 3 and 3 subjects at grade 4.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at grade 4.

**Single Sitting:** All subjects are examined at the same time.

**English Language Competence:** 3 or equivalent competence in English (*see page3*)

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Austrian Matura</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Austrian Matura</b>
H1	1	O1	3
H2	2	O2	4
H3	2	O3	4
H4	3	O4	4
H5	3	O5	4
H6	4	O6	4
H7	4		

## Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
1	600
1.5	500
2	400
2.5	300
3	200
3.5	100

Average = average score based on 6 best distinct recognised subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes. Only examined subjects are used for points but 1 subject from school may be used to make the 6th for matriculation.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Not applicable as Maths is undifferentiated

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Reife- und Diplomprüfung / Matura – When awarded by a Berufsbildende Höhere Schule (BHS).
- Abschlussprüfungszeugnis when studied for more than 3 years
- Diplom

# Belgium

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

### Flanders

- Diplome van Secundaire Onderwijs
- Diploma van de Hogere Secundaire Technische School

### Wallonia

- Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur
- Diplôme d'Accès à l'Enseignement Supérieur
- Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
- Diplôme d'Aptitude à Accéder à l'Enseignement Supérieur

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 5 (scale 1-10 where 10 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at grade 7 and 4 subjects at grade 5.
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects at grade 7 and 3 subjects at grade 5
<b>Level 6/7</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at grade 5

**Single Sitting:** All subjects are examined at the same time.

**Competence in English Language:** 7.5 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

Note: applications can only be considered if the examination results show the numbers of hours for each subject.

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>				
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>				
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>3 hour +</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>3 hour +</b>	<b>1 or 2 hour</b>
H1	10	O1	6.5	
H2	9	O2	6	9
H3	8	O3	5	9
H4	7.5	O4	5	8
H5	6.5	O5	5	8
H6	6	O6	5	7
H7	5			

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Points Equivalence Table	
Average	IPS
10	600
9	540
8	480
7	420
6	360
5	300

Average = average mark based on the 6 best distinct recognised subjects of 2 hours + which must include at least 3 individual subjects of 3 or more hours, normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes. Where written and oral are presented in the same subject, scores will be averaged.

In some districts, a grade is given for each of 4 semesters. These will be averaged to provide an overall grade per subject. In other districts, a single overall percentage is given which is an average of all subjects. This will be used to calculate IPS.

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Bonus of 25 points will be awarded for 3 hour or greater in Maths with grade 6 or better

### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

#### Flanders

- Brevet van de Aanvullende Secundaire Beroepsschool
- Getuigschrift 6

#### Wallonia

- Brevet de [subject area]
- Certificat de Qualification 6

# Bulgaria

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Диплома за Средно Образование (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) **NB this is only accepted with Matriculation** [from Professionalni utchilichta schools].

This is acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 3 (scale 2-6 where 6 is best)

**Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation** The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include both profile subjects and 2 subjects at grade 5 or better
	3 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include both profile subjects and 3 subjects at grade 5 or better
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include both profile subjects

Note: in addition to Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie applicants must submit a school report showing all subjects taken in final year.

**Competence in English Language:** IELTS/TOEFL (see page 3)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison (subjects ≥ 144 hours):</b> <i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Bulgarian exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Bulgarian Exam</b>
H1	6 in profile subject	01	5
H2	6 or 5 in profile subject	02	4
H3	6 or 5 in profile subject	03	4
H4	5	04	3
H5	5	05	3
H6	4	06	3
H7	4		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
6.0	500
5.5	458
5	414
4.5	375
4.0	333

The average as calculated on the certificate is used. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017** Not applicable

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Диплома за Средно Специално Образование (Diploma of Completed Secondary Specialised Education)
- Диплома за Завършено Полувисше Образование (Diploma of Intermediate Higher Education)



# Croatia

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) or *državne mature* from *gymnazijum* (Since 2009)

Note: all qualifications are subject to annual review but, as this qualification has only been recognised in 2013, the scoring scheme will be monitored closely as we begin to receive applicants presenting this qualification.

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 2 (scale 1-5 where 5 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	2 distinct recognised subjects at grade 3 and 4 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the total of 6 subjects must be examined in the Matura
	3 H5 required	3 distinct recognised subjects at grade 3 and 3 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the total of 6 subjects must be examined in the Matura
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at grade 2. A minimum of 3 of the subjects must be examined in the Matura

Note: in addition to Maturi applicants must submit a school report showing all subjects taken in final year.

**Competence in English Language:** 4 in Maturi at Extended level or equivalent English Language competence (see page 3)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

Subject Grade Comparison				
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>				
LC Higher	Extended Level	LC Ordinary	Basic Level	Extended Level
H1	5 Maturi	O1	4 Maturi	3 Maturi
H2	4 Maturi	O2	3 Maturi	2 Maturi
H3	4 Maturi	O3	3 Maturi	2 Maturi
H4	3 Maturi	O4	2 Maturi	
H5	3 Maturi	O5	2 Maturi	
H6	2 Maturi	O6	2 (school level acceptable)	
H7	2 Maturi			

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Points Equivalence Table		
Score	Extended	Basic
5	165	103
4	135	84
3	105	66
2	75	47

Applicants are scored on a total of 4 distinct recognised subjects. Three extended level subjects will be necessary to obtain the maximum score of 600. If 4 Extended subjects are presented, the lowest will be scored as for basic level. If the level is not specified on the documents, it will be assumed they are basic level.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Grade 2 or better in Extended Maths

# Cyprus

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Apolytirion of Lykeio (from 2010 only) is acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 15 (scale 0-20 where 20 is max)

**Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation:** The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion which must include 6 distinct recognised subjects
	3 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion which must include 6 distinct recognised subjects
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Overall minimum of 10 in Apolytirion which must include 5 distinct recognised subjects

**Competence in English Language:** 18.75 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
LC Higher	Apolytirion	LC Ordinary	Apolytirion
H1	20	O1	18.5
H2	19.5	O2	18
H3	19	O3	18
H4	18.75	O4	17
H5	18.5	O5	17
H6	18	O6	17
H7	17		

## Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
Overall Mark	IPS
20	500
19.75	480
19.5	460
19	420
18.5	380
18	340
17	260

Provided there are adequate recognised subjects, the average as calculated on the Apolytirion will be used. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Not applicable

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Upper Secondary School (Techniki Scholi) Leaving Certificate (Apolytirio)

**October 2016.** Guideline document for 2017 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Czech Republic

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita), (BUT if awarded from technical/vocational schools NOT acceptable for level 8 courses)

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 4 (scale 5-1 where 1 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Average of 3.5 in best 4 distinct recognised subjects
	3 H5 required	Average of 3.5 in best 4 distinct recognised subjects
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Average of 4 in best 4 distinct recognised subjects

Note: in addition to Maturita applicants must submit a school report showing all subjects taken in final year.

**Competence in English Language:** 2 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Maturita</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Maturita</b>
H1	1	O1	3
H2	1	O2	3
H3	2	O3	3
H4	2	O4	4
H5	3	O5	4
H6	3	O6	4
H7	4		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Each of the best four or five distinct recognised subject scores (normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes) scored will be scored as follows and summed) to get the indicative equivalence:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Subject grades</b>	<b>IPS</b>
1	120
2	95
3	70
4	50

Consequently, for programmes with points requirement of 480 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum of 5 subjects

**Bonus points for maths in 2017** Not applicable

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita), (from technical/vocational schools)

**October 2016.** Guideline document for 2017 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Denmark

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Bevis for Studentereksamen
- Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 4 (Scale 2-12 with 12 as maximum).  
Prior to 2007, 6 in year's work and 6 in end-of-year exam (scale 1-13 with 13 as maximum. (12 was not used)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects with grade 7 and 4 subjects with grade 2
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects with grade 7 and 3 subjects with grade 2
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects with grade 2

**Competence in English Language:** 7 or equivalent English Language competence for exams post 2006 (*see page 3*)

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Bevis</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Bevis</b>
H1	Level A Grade 12	O1	Level B Grade 12
H2	Level A Grade 11	O2	Level B Grade 11
H3	Level A Grade 10	O3	Level B Grade 10
H4	Level A Grade 8	O4	Level B Grade 8
H5	Level A Grade 6	O5	Level B Grade 6
H6	Level A Grade 4	O6	Level B Grade 4
H7	Level A Grade 2		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows (Provided there are adequate distinct recognised subjects, the average as calculated on the Bevis will be used:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
12	600
10	520
9	480
7	400
4	280

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Level A Maths grade 4 or better

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen (HHX)
- Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) (Higher Commerce Examination)
- Higher Technical Examination Certificate)

# Estonia

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (from 2007 only) is acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at the equivalent of level 8
- Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate with the State Examination Certificate)

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 50% or 3 (on scale 1-5 where 5 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects including minimum 3 at State level and all with minimum 6 courses.
	3 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects including minimum 3 at State level and all with minimum 6 courses.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects and all with minimum 6 courses

Note: in addition to Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus applicants must submit a school report showing all subjects taken in final year.

**Competence in English Language:** 4 at State level or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Estonian exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Estonian exam</b>
H1		O1	4
H2	5	O2	3
H3	5	O3	3
H4	4	O4	3
H5	4	O5	3
H6	3	O6	3
H7	3		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
5	500
4.8	480
4.2	420
4	400
3.6	360
3	300

The average is calculated on the best 6 distinct recognised subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes with a weighting of state level 3:school 2. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** not applicable

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Lõputunnistus kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta (Vocational Secondary Education Certificate)
- Lõputunnistus põhihariduse baasil kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta (Vocational Secondary Education Certificate (post-basic education))

# Finland

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Ylioppilastutkintotodistus / studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)
- Lukionpäästötodistus / Studentexamsbetyg
- (NB: Ammatillinenperustutkinto / yrkesinriktadgrundexamen is not recognised)

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** A in Ylioppilastutkintotodistus or 5 in Lukion (scale 4-10 where 10 is best)

Note: applicants must submit results of both examinations to enable eligibility to be assessed.

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Total of 6 distinct recognised subjects passed, of which at least 4 must be from matric with 2 at Grade C and 2 at Grade A. The remaining subjects can be taken from Leaving Cert or matric.
	3 H5 required	Minimum of 6 distinct recognised subjects with Grade 5 including 3 subjects at Advanced Level in the Ylioppilastutkintotodistus with grade C
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Total of 5 distinct recognised subjects passed in Leaving Cert or matric with minimum pass level.

**Competence in English Language:** A in advanced or M in basic in the Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/ Studentexamsbetyg or Grade 8 in English A1, B1 in Lukionpäästötodistus or Grade 10 in B2 – B3 English in Lukionpäästötodistus or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>			
<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Ylioppilastutkintotodistus</b>		<b>Lukion</b>
	Advanced	Basic	
H1	L (Excellent)		N/A
H2	E (Exceptionally Good)		10
H3	M (Very good)		9
H4	C (Good)		8
H5	B (Satisfactory)		8
H6	A (Pass)		7
H7	A (Pass)		5
O1	B (Satisfactory)	C (Good)	8
O2	A (Pass)	B (Satisfactory)	7
O3	A (Pass)	B (Satisfactory)	7
O4	A (Pass)	A (Pass)	5
O5	A (Pass)	A (Pass)	5
O6	A (Pass)	A (Pass)	5

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Points Equivalence Table	
Subject Grade	IPS per subject
L	120
E	100
M	90
C	80
B	65
A	55

The scores of the best 4 or 5 distinct recognised subjects passed in a single sitting the Ylioppilastutkintotoistus are totalled. Sample: 480 is LLLL, LEECC

For programmes with a Leaving Certificate points requirement of 500 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum 5 matriculation subjects

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

25 additional points will be awarded a pass in Advanced Level Mathematics in the matriculation.



# France

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général
- Option Internationale du Baccalauréat

## Guideline University Requirements

### Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 10. (scale 0-20 where 20 is best)

Where there is a specific subject mark requirement, that subject must have a coefficient of at least 3 in the particular *option* taken.

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Overall 10 with a minimum of 6 distinct recognised subjects passed
	3 H5 required	Overall 10 with a minimum of 6 distinct recognised subjects passed
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Overall 10 with a minimum of 5 distinct recognised subjects passed

### Single Sitting:

It is normal for some subjects to be examined in the year prior to the final examination. This is acceptable provided the examined subjects cover only 2 consecutive years.

### Competence in English Language:

12 coefficient > 5 and 14 otherwise or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison</b>				
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>				
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Coefficient ≥ 5</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Coefficient ≤ 4</b>	<b>Coefficient ≥ 5</b>
H1	16	O1	14	12
H2	15	O2	13	11
H3	14	O3	13	11
H4	13	O4	12	10
H5	12	O5	12	10
H6	11	O6	12	10
H7	10			

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows, provided adequate distinct recognised subjects are presented:

Points Equivalence Table	
Moyenne sur 20	IPS
20	600
19	577
18	555
17	532
16	509
15	479
14	449
13	414
12	378
11	309
10	240

The percentages of students attaining each level in the French Baccaalaureate are compared with the percentages of students attaining the various points levels in the Irish leaving certificate and the comparison is determined on that basis. The uneven relationship between IPS and French Baccaalaureate scores reflects the distribution of results.

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

25 additional points will be awarded for Mathematics grade 11 or better with a minimum co-efficient of 5

### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Brevet de Technicien
- Brevet Professionnel
- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Professionnel
- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Technologique

# Germany

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Abitur
- Zeugnis der Allgemein Hochschulreife

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 4 (scale 0-15 where 15 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects (examined or final school year) and minimum Durchschnittsnote of 3.5
	3 H5 required	Overall minimum of 3.0 in the Durchschnittsnote. Six distinct recognised subjects (examined or final year) to include English, mathematics and another language. Grade 10 in three examined subjects must also be presented.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects (examined or final school year) and minimum Durchschnittsnote 4

**Competence in English Language:** 11 at standard or 9 at intensive or equivalent English Language competence (see page 3)

**Single Sitting:** All 4 subjects must be examined at the same time.

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison: (examined subjects only unless otherwise specified)</b>				
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>				
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Intensive</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Intensive</b>
H1	13	O1	8	6
H2	11	O2	7	5
H3	9	O3	6 <sup>2</sup>	5
H4	7	O4	6 <sup>2</sup>	4
H5	6	O5	5 <sup>2</sup>	4
H6	5	O6	4 <sup>2</sup>	4
H7	5			

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline, assuming there are sufficient distinct recognised subject, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be based on the Durchschnittsnote and calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Durchschnittsnote</b>	<b>IPS</b>
1.0	600
1.5	500
2.0	400
2.5	300
3.0	200
3.5	100

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

25 additional points will be awarded for an examined mathematics grade 5 at intensive level.

<sup>2</sup> A non-examined subject at grade 13 may be used for this, except English

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may only be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Berufsfachschulabschluss (Assistentenberufe / Vollqualifizierende Berufsausbildung) (from 2013)
- Berufsfachschulabschluss (Mittlerer Schulabschluss) (from 2013)
- Berufsfachschulabschluss (until 2012) if studied for 2 years or more
- Fachgebundene Hochschulreife / Fachhochschulreife

# Greece

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

Apolytirion of Lykeio is acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for. (**NB:** Apolytirion of Gymnasio is **not acceptable**) Prior to 2001, a separate certificate *General (University) Entrance Examination* was also needed.

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 10 (scale 0-20 where 20 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion with 6 distinct recognised subjects 17 or better
	3 H5 required	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion with 6 distinct recognised subjects 17 or better
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Overall minimum of 14 in Apolytirion with 5 distinct recognised subjects 17 or better

**Competence in English Language:** 18.75 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
LC Higher	Apolytirion	LC Ordinary	Apolytirion
H1	N/A	O1	18.5
H2	20	O2	18
H3	19.5	O3	18
H4	19	O4	17
H5	18.5	O5	17
H6	18	O6	17
H7	17		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
Overall Mark	IPS
20	500
19.5	460
19	420
18.5	380
18	340
17.5	300
17	260

Provided there are adequate distinct recognised subjects, the average as calculated on the Apolytirion will be used. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017** Not applicable

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may only be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- ΠΤΥΧΙΟ (Higher Diploma Cycle B (ΤΕΕ))
- ΠΤΥΧΙΟ - ΕΠΑΓΓΕΛΜΑΤΙΚΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟ / ΕΠΑΓ/ΚΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟ(Diploma of Vocational School (Lykeio))

# Hungary

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Erettsegi Bizonyítvány/ Matura (NB NOT Erettsegi awarded by Szakkozepiskola see below)

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 30% at advanced or 40% intermediate

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects including a minimum of 2 subjects at advanced level and 3 at intermediate.
	3 H5 required	Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects including a minimum of 2 subjects at advanced level and 3 at intermediate.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Pass in 5 distinct recognised subjects including a minimum of 5 subjects at intermediate level.

Note: in addition to Matura applicants must submit a school report showing all subjects taken in final year.

### Competence in English Language:

4 in Advanced English or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b> NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below			
LC Higher	Matura	LC Ordinary	Matura
H1	5 Advanced	O1	5 Intermediate
H2	4 Advanced	O2	5 Intermediate
H3	4 Advanced	O3	4 Intermediate
H4	3 Advanced	O4	4 Intermediate
H5	3 Advanced	O5	3 Intermediate
H6	2 Advanced	O6	2 Intermediate
H7	2 Advanced		

**Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points**

As a guideline, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows, counting the best 5 subjects using only distinct recognised subjects. In addition a bonus is given for a 6<sup>th</sup> subject:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>					
<b>Advanced</b>			<b>Intermediate</b>		
Grade	Percent	Points	Grade	Percent	Points
5	100	162	5	100	81
	90	156		90	78
	80	150		80	75
	70	144	4	70	70
	60	138		60	65
4	55	120	3	55	57
	50	105		50	49
3	45	90		45	41
	40	75		40	33
	35	60		2	35
2	30	42	30		0
	25	0	25		0
	20	0	20		0

Max attainable from 5 subjects = 567. Bonus for 6th subject = score \* 0.4

**Bonus points for maths in 2017**

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade 2 or better in Advanced level Mathematics.

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Szakközépiskola Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Vocational Secondary School Leaving Certificate)



# Iceland

As an EFTA country Iceland is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Studentsprof (from Gymnasium)

## University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 5 (on a scale of 0-10 where 10 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Overall average score of 5, with at least 7 in 2 distinct recognised subjects.
	3 H5 required	Overall average score of 5, with at least 7 in 3 distinct recognised subjects.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Overall average score of 5

Note: Applicants must submit a report showing all subjects taken in final year.

**English Language Competence: 7** or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison (4 credit or better subjects only):</b> <i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Studentsprof</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Studentsprof</b>
H1	10	O1	7
H2	9	O2	6
H3	8	O3	6
H4	7	O4	5
H5	7	O5	5
H6	6	O6	5
H7	5		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
10	600
9	570
8	495
7	405
6	310
5	300

Where a weighted average is provided on the result report this will be used. Otherwise, the average will be calculated on the best 10 recognised subjects of 4 credits or more (distinct subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purpose in all cases.)

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Not applicable.

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Stúdentpróf (from a Technical / Vocational School)(Matriculation Certificate)

**October 2016.** Guideline document for 2017 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Italy

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Esame di Stato (from 1999)
- Diploma di Maturità: (up until 1999)

These are acceptable for programmes up to 555 points. For programmes over 550 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at the equivalent of level 8

The exam must be from a Liceo of one of the following types:

- Classica
- Scientifica
- Tecnica
- Linguistica
- Magistrale
- Artistica

Note: Liceo Professionale *not accepted*.

## University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 6

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Overall 60%, with 6 distinct recognised subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school
	3 H5 required	Overall 60%, with 6 distinct subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Overall 60%, with 5 distinct subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school

**English Language Competence:** 80% or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Italian exams</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Italian exams</b>
H1	10	O1	7
H2	9	O2	7
H3	8	O3	7
H4	8	O4	6
H5	7	O5	6
H6	7	O6	6
H7	6		

**Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points**

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Overall %</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100%	555
95%	530
90%	505
85%	480
80%	454
75%	424
70%	391
65%	345
60%	300

School report showing subjects taken in final exams must be submitted – applicants will not normally be assessed in the absence of this.

Due to high numbers achieving max scores, and the fact that Italian Universities will often use matriculation/entry exams, for programmes over 550 points applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject in a university entrance exam or at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

Note: for Science, Agriculture, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine a science based matriculation is generally required.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017**

Not applicable

# Latvia

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- **Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību** – Diploma of General Secondary Education AND
- **Sekmju izraksts** – Statement of Record showing positive assessment in subjects taught in chosen profile and also in national examinations certified by a General Secondary Education Certificate (Visparejas videjas izglitības sertifikats)
- Both these documents certify the completion of the general secondary education and entitle a graduate to continue to higher education and together are acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at the equivalent of level 8

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 40% examined or 5 at school level

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects which should include at 55% in at least 2 examined subjects.
	3 H5 required	Pass in 6 distinct recognised subjects which should include at 55% in at least 3 examined subjects.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Award of Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību

### Pre 2009:

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Grade C/6 in 2 subjects at Advanced level and remainder at least grade D
	3 H5 required	Grade C/6 in 3 subjects at Advanced level and remainder at least grade D
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Award of Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

**English Language Competence:** Grade B in Advanced level or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Latvian exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Latvian Exam</b>
H1	100%	O1	60%
H2	90%	O2	50%
H3	80%	O3	48%
H4	70%	O4	46%
H5	60%	O5	43%
H6	50%	O6	40% or 5 at school level
H7	40%		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

**Scoring Scheme for results 2009 and onwards**

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average Grade</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100%	500
90%	496
80%	492
70%	483
60%	427
50%	364
40%	302

Applicants will be scored on their best 6 subjects (normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes) which must include at least 3 state examined subjects. The maximum attainable in this examination is 500.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017**

Not applicable as Mathematics in Latvia is not offered at 2 levels.

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Diploms par arodizglītību (Diploma of Vocational Education)
- Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību (level III) (Diploma of Secondary Professional Education)
- Diploms par videjo arodizglītību (Diploma of Secondary Vocational Education)
- Diploms T par vidējo speciālo izglītību (Diploma T of Specialised Secondary Education)

# Liechtenstein

As an EFTA country Liechtenstein is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Matura certificate (Type B or Type E )

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:4 (on a scale of 2-6 where 6 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	A minimum of 4 in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 2 at 5
	3 H5 required	A minimum of 4 in 5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 3 at 5
<b>Level 7/6</b>	4 in all 5 subjects	

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

### English Language Competence

4 or equivalent English language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
LC Higher	Matura	LC Ordinary	Matura
H1	6	O1	5
H2	6	O2	4
H3	6	O3	4
H4	5	O4	4
H5	5	O5	4
H6	4	O6	4
H7	4		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
Subject Grade	Score per subject
6	120
5	90
4	60

Applicants will be scored on the best 5 distinct subjects normally recognised by HEIs for admissions purposes.

Example IPS 480 = 1 X 6 + 4 X 5

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Not applicable

# Lithuania

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level. (from a Gymnasium or Secondary School) is acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at the equivalent of level 8. NB state system only in place from 2000 onwards

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 4 (on a scale of 0-10 where 10 is best) or 30% at state level (examined).

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Minimum grade 5 in 6 distinct recognised subjects, with minimum. grade 8 in 2 subjects. Subjects presented must include a minimum of 2 examined at State level.
	3 H5 required	Minimum grade 5 in 6 distinct recognised subjects, with minimum. grade 8 in 3 subjects. Subjects presented must include a minimum of 3 examined at State level.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Minimum grade 5 in 5 distinct recognised subjects

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

### English Language Competence:

8 or equivalent English Language competence (see page 3).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>			
<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Brandos except Maths</b>		<b>Maths</b>
	<b>Examined</b>	<b>School</b>	
H1			
H2	100%		100% in Adv Mth ≥ 310 Hours
H3	95%		95% in Adv Mth ≥ 310 Hours
H4	90%		90% in Adv Mth ≥ 310 Hours
H5	80%		80% in Adv Mth ≥ 310 Hours
H6	70%		70% in Adv Mth ≥ 310 Hours
H7	60%		60% in Adv Mth ≥ 310 Hours
O1	80%	9	9
O2	70%	8	8
O3	60%	7	7
O4	50%	6	6
O5	40%	5	5
O6	30%	4	4

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated by summing the IPS for the best 6 subjects (normally recognised by HEIs for admissions purposes) which must include at least 2 at state level. Only school subjects taken at 140 hours or more will be counted.

<b>Average score</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100	500
90	492
80	484
70	476
60	445
50	386
40	366
35	307

The maximum attainable in this examination is 500 points (or 525 with bonus for Advanced Mathematics). For programmes with higher points requirements, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end 1<sup>st</sup> year in a recognised 3<sup>rd</sup> level institution at a level equivalent to that of the programme applied for.

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

70% in the Advanced level option in Mathematics will gain bonus points for Maths.

### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level. (from a Vocational Technical School)



# Luxembourg

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 30 (on a scale of 1-60 where 60 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at coefficient 3 with minimum grade of 35, plus 4 subjects with minimum grade of 30.
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include: 3 subjects at coefficient 3 with minimum grade of 35, plus 3 subjects with minimum grade of 30.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects with minimum grade of 30

**English Language Competence:** 40 @ coefficient 3 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Diplome</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Diplome</b>
H1	49, at coefficient 3	O1	35, at coefficient 3
H2	47, at coefficient 3	O2	30, at coefficient 3
H3	41, at coefficient 3	O3	30, at coefficient 3
H4	39, at coefficient 3	O4	30
H5	35, at coefficient 3	O5	30
H6	30, at coefficient 3	O6	30
H7	30		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows using the weighted overall mark as calculated on the result and assuming an adequate number of distinct recognised subjects is presented:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Overall weighted mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
60	600
55	558
50	517
45	475
40	433
35	392
30	350

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Co-efficient 3 Maths grade 30/satisfactory or better

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Diplôme / Certificat de Fin d'Études Secondaires Techniques
- Diplôme de Technicien

**October 2016.** Guideline document for 2017 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Malta

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Advanced Matriculation
- Matriculation Certificate Examination from the University of Malta

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** Grade E (on a scale of E-A where A is best)

**Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation:** The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses (not incl. Systems of Knowledge).

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and 3 other subjects at Intermediate Level Grade C minimum
	3 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and 3 other subjects at Intermediate Level Grade C minimum
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at Intermediate Level Grade C minimum

## Applicants must submit certified copies of both Advanced and Intermediate results

**English Language Competence:** C at Advanced Level or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Maltese Matric</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Maltese Matric</b>
H1	Advanced level A	O1	Advanced level C
H2	Advanced level B	O2	Advanced level D
H3	Advanced level B	O3	Intermediate A
H4	Advanced level C	O4	Intermediate B
H5	Advanced level C	O5	Intermediate C
H6	Advanced level D	O6	Intermediate Level Grade C or 5 in Secondary Education Certificate
H7	Advanced level E		

## Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>				
<b>Advanced Level grade</b>	<b>IPS per subject</b>		<b>Intermediate Level grade</b>	<b>IPS per subject</b>
A	150		A	75
B	130		B	65
C	105		C	55
D	80		D	40
E	40		E	20

The best 6 distinct subjects normally accepted for admissions purposes in Irish HEIs are totalled, in accordance with matriculation and entry requirements. Example: 480 points = BBB at advanced plus CD Intermediate, or equivalent. Only advanced presented at a single sitting (i.e. either April-June or September sitting) will be scored. Intermediate subjects can be presented from the same or previous sitting.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for A Level Maths grade D or better

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Extended Skill Training Scheme Diploma

**October 2016.** Guideline document for 2017 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.

# Netherlands

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) diploma

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 6 (on a scale of 5-10 where 10 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects grade 8 and 4 subjects grade 6 in the VWO
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects grade 8 and 3 subjects grade 6 in the VWO
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 5 in the VWO

**English Language Competence:** 8 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>VWO</b>	<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>VWO</b>
H1	10	O1	8
H2	9	O2	7
H3	9	O3	7
H4	8	O4	6
H5	8	O5	6
H6	7	O6	6 or Pass in HAVO
H7	6		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated, based on the average of the best 6 distinct recognised subjects as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average Mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
10	600
9	540
8	480
7	420
6	360
5	300

Although a 4 is unsatisfactory and a 5 is not a full pass, students are allowed a max of one 4 or two 5s on their examination provided they are compensated by superior performance in other subjects. A mark of 4 or 5 will not be counted for point equivalence.

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Not applicable

# Norway

*As an EFTA country Norway is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes*

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring with oppnådd generell studiekompetanse
- Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole with "og bestått"

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 2 (on a scale of 1-6 max)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 4 examined subjects and 2 non-examined at grade 2 including 2 at grade 4 or better
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 4 examined subjects and 2 non-examined at grade 2 including 3 at grade 4 or better
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects which must include at least 3 examined subjects and 2 non-examined at grade 2

**English Language Competence:** 4 or equivalent English language competence (examined or final year of school) (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Vitnemål (examined or final year)</b>	<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Vitnemål (examined or final year)</b>
H1	6	O1	4
H2	5	O2	3
H3	5	O3	3
H4	4	O4	2
H5	4	O5	2
H6	3	O6	2
H7	2		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows based on:

Average 6 best distinct, recognised subjects (maximum 5 examined will be included).

Examined subjects score a maximum of 113. Non exam in final year score a max of 35.

To score max points applicants need to present 5 examined subjects. Note if more than 5 examined, lowest can be scored as non exam

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>		
<b>Score</b>	<b>IPS examined subjects</b>	<b>IPS final year school</b>
6	113	35
5	112	33
4	84	24
3	32	9
2	20	6

Note Bokmål NOR1211 and Nynorsk NOR1212 are often both translated as Norwegian but they are, in fact, 2 separate languages both of which are official languages of Norway and as such are treated as distinct subjects.

The percentages of students attaining each average point in the Vitnemål are compared with the percentages of students attaining the various points levels in the Irish leaving certificate and the comparison is determined on that basis. The uneven relationship reflects the distribution of results.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for grade 3 in Maths VG3

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may only be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Fagbrev/Svennebrev (Craftsman/Journeyman's Certificate)
- Vitnemål fra Teknisk Fagskole / Tekniker (Certificate from Technical College)
- Høgskolekandidat
- Ingeniør fra Ingeniør Høgskoler (Engineer from Engineering University Colleges)

# Poland

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(since 2005)

- Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity)

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

## Partial recognition

- Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcącego (Certificate of Completion from a General Lyceum)  
From 2016, accepted to a maximum of 450 points

## Guideline University Requirements

Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 30%

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	A total of 6 distinct recognised subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with 3 distinct subjects in the Matura including 2 Advanced subjects $\geq 40\%$
	3 H5 required	A total of 6 distinct recognised subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with 3 distinct subjects in the Matura including 3 Advanced subjects $\geq 40\%$
<b>Level 7/6</b>		A total of 5 distinct recognised subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with 3 distinct subjects in the Matura.

**English Language Competence:** 60% @ Advanced level with oral at least 55% or equivalent English Language competence (see page 3)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table overleaf</i>			
<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Advanced level</b>	<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Basic Level</b>
H1	90%	O1	90%
H2	80%	O2	80%
H3	70%	O3	70%
H4	60%	O4	60%
H5	50%	O5	50%
H6	40%	O6	40%
H7	30%		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish leaving Certificate

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence for the Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity) will be calculated as follows:

- Where a written and oral examination in the same subject and level are presented, the results will be averaged.
- A maximum of four different recognised subjects, which are not mutually exclusive, will be counted.
- If 4 Advanced subjects are presented, the lowest grade is scored at a lower rate.
- Applicants are scored on the basis of their best four Advanced, or three Advanced and one basic in a different subject
- The percentile score is used.

Percentile	Best 3	4th subject	
	Advanced	Advanced	Basic
100	160	120	80
90	140	105	70
80	130	97	65
70	121	91	60
60	113	85	57
50	105	79	52
40	98	73	49
30	88	66	44
20	80	60	40
10	68	51	34

**Bonus points for maths in 2017**

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for 40% at extended level in the Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity)

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Profilowanego/Technicznego/Zawodowego/Technikum (Certificate of Completion from a Vocational/Technical Secondary School)
  - Świadectwo Ukończenia Szkoły Policealnej (Certificate of Completion from a Post-secondary School)
  - Dyplom Ukończenia Szkoły Pomaturalnej (Diploma of Completion from a Post-maturity School)

# Portugal

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários (previously Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano)
- Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs: 12** (on a scale of 10-20 where 20 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects grade 14 and 4 subjects grade 12
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects grade 14 and 3 subjects grade 12
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 12

**English Language Competence:** 16 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Portuguese exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Portuguese Exam</b>
H1	20	O1	15
H2	19	O2	13
H3	18	O3	13
H4	17	O4	12
H5	15	O5	11
H6	13	O6	10
H7	10		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows using the average as shown on the results:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average Mark</b>	<b>IPS</b>
20	600
19	570
18	540
17	500
16	460
15	420
14	380
13	340
12	300

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Not applicable as there is no separate advanced level of Mathematics.

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Nível 4 Qualificação do Quadro Nacional de Qualificações
- Diploma de Especialização Tecnológica

**October 2016.** Guideline document for 2017 entry. The matriculation and English language requirements are the minimum and will be higher for certain courses and in certain institutions. Applicants must also refer to HEI websites for details of specific subject requirements and previous points requirements.



# Romania

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Diplomă de Bacalaureat

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 5 (on a scale of 1-10 where 10 is best)

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects including with 2 @ 8 and a minimum average of 6 in the Bacalaureat. If only 3 subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat, matriculation requirements may be met with subjects in the school report.
	3 H5 required	Total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects including with 3 @ 8 and a minimum average of 6 in the Bacalaureat. If only 3 subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat, matriculation requirements may be met with subjects in the school report.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Total of 5 passes in distinct recognised subjects. If only 3 subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat matriculation requirements may be met with subjects in the school report.

**Competence in English Language:** 90% in Bacalaureat or C1 or C2 in English proficiency taken as part of Bacalaureat or equivalent.

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table (subjects must be examined or final year of school):

<b>Subject Grade Comparison: exam or final year</b>					
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>					
<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Bacalaureat except Maths</b>	<b>Maths<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Irish Leaving Cert</b>	<b>Bacalaureat except Maths</b>	<b>Maths<sup>2</sup></b>
H1	10	10	O1	8	7
H2	9	9	O2	7	6
H3	9	8	O3	7	6
H4	8	7	O4	6	6
H5	8	7	O5	5	5
H6	7	6	O6	5	5
H7	5	5			

<sup>3</sup> As defined for bonus points below

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows based on the overall weighted average assuming sufficient distinct recognised subjects are presented:

Points Equivalence Table	
Overall weighted average	IPS
10	600
9	525
8	450
7	375
6	300

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for "M\_mate-info -> M\_maths & computer science" (M1 maths pre 2013) with grade 6 or better.

### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Certificat de Competențe Profesionale (de la Școala Postliceală) (Professional Competence Certificate (from a post-secondary school))
- Diplomă/Certificat de Absolvire a Școlii Postliceale (Post-secondary School Diploma/Certificate)

# Scotland

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Scottish Highers
- Plus Scottish Advanced Highers

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** C (on a scale of C-A where A is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects at Higher level grade C, plus 1 other subjects at Standard/intermediate Level (national level 5) grade 3
	3 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects at Higher level grade C and 1 subject at Standard/Intermediate Level grade 3. In addition applicants must present a minimum of two Advanced Higher level subjects at grade C.
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at Higher level grade C

NB applicants should include certified copies of all examinations taken from Standard level up.

**Single Sitting:** Advanced Highers and Highers are considered over 2 consecutive years only. Highers may not be combined over 2 years but may be taken in the same year as advanced highers.

**English Language competence** 3 at standard/Intermediate level (national level 5).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Scottish exams</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Scottish exams</b>
H1	A Higher/Advanced	O1	C Higher/Advanced
H2	B Higher/Advanced	O2	C Higher/Advanced
H3	B Higher/Advanced	O3	D Higher/Advanced
H4	C Higher/Advanced	O4	1 Standard/Intermediate
H5	C Higher/Advanced	O5	2 Standard/Intermediate
H6	C Higher/Advanced	O6	3 Standard/Intermediate
H7	D Higher/Advanced		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>				
<b>Higher Level Grade</b>	<b>Subject Score</b>		<b>Advanced Higher</b>	<b>Subject Score</b>
A	99		A	35
B	84		B	28
C	69		C	23

Maximum best 5 distinct subjects normally recognised by Irish Universities for admissions purposes are counted. Additional points may be awarded for up to three subjects at Advanced Higher level, these may be the same subjects already counted at Higher level. NB not all subjects are recognised. Programmes over 495 points will require Advanced Higher Level subjects.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** Bonus points of 25 will be awarded mathematics Advanced Highers grade C

# Slovakia

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) from gymnasium or konzervatórium

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 4/pass (on a scale of 5-1 where 1 is best)

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 2 at Grade 3 and 2 at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further 2 subjects from the final year of school
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 3 at Grade 3 and 1 at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further 2 subjects from the final year of school
<b>Level 7/6</b>		6 distinct recognised subjects including 4 at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further 2 subjects from the final year of school

### English Language Competence:

**Post 2008:** 3 in English B2

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Slovakian exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Slovakian Exam</b>
H1	1	O1	3
H2	2	O2	3
H3	2	O3	3
H4	3	O4	4
H5	3	O5	4
H6	3	O6	4
H7	4		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

The Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške is compared based on the average on the best 4 distinct recognised subjects – at least 2 of which must be examined subjects a maximum of 2 internal (where written and oral are presented in the same subject the score is averaged for that subject). As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>IPS</b>
1	600
1,2	575
2	480
3	360
4	240

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Not Applicable

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) awarded from Stredná odborná škola - SOŠ (Secondary Technical School) or Stredné odborné učilište - SOU (Secondary Vocational School).
- Vysvedčenie o absolventskej skúške / Absolventský diplom (Certificate of Graduation Examination / Graduation Diploma)

# Slovenia

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Maturitetno spričevalo (Matura Certificate)

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 2 (on a scale of 1-5 where 5 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects including 2 subjects grade 3 minimum and 3 subjects grade 2 minimum
	3 H5 required	5 distinct recognised subjects including 3 subjects grade 3 minimum and 2 subjects grade 2 minimum
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 2 minimum

**English Language Competence:** 3. or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Slovenian exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Slovenian Exam</b>
H1	5	O1	3
H2	4	O2	3
H3	4	O3	3
H4	3	O4	2
H5	3	O5	2
H6	3	O6	2
H7	2		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated from the average as calculated on the Maturitetno as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Overall score</b>	<b>IPS</b>
34	600
30	530
25	441
20	353
15	265
10	177

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Maths Advanced Level grade 3 or higher

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Spričevalo o poklicni mature (Vocational Matura)

# Spain

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Título de Bachiller/Prueba de Acceso Universidad (PAU)
- Curso de Orientación Universitaria (COU)/Título de Bachillerato
- Selectividad provided an average of 6 has been obtained

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** 5 (1-10 where 10 is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 2 subjects grade 7 and 4 subjects grade 5
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects including 3 subjects grade 7 and 3 subjects grade 5
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects grade 5

**English Language Competence:** 7.5 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Spanish exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Spanish Exam</b>
H1	10	O1	7
H2	9	O2	6
H3	8	O3	6
H4	7.5	O4	5
H5	7	O5	5
H6	6	O6	5
H7	5		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>Average Título de Bachiller/PAU</b>	<b>IPS</b>
10	600
9	540
8	480
7	420
6	360

In order to calculate the indicative points to be awarded the *Calificación Definitiva* of the PAU should be taken and points can be calculated as follows: *Calificación Definitiva* x 60. Alternatively the best 6 distinct recognised subjects of the Título de Bachiller can be averaged.

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Not applicable as there is no separate advanced level of Mathematics.

**Note re Maths:** Applied Maths in the Social Sciences group has a syllabus which would meet the pass maths leaving certificate requirements.

Note: There will be significant changes in the Spanish system in 2017, necessitating a major review of the scoring for Spain.

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Título de Técnico en [subject area]
- Título de Técnico Superior



# Sweden

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola (Upper secondary school leaving certificate)
- Högskoleförberedande examen (Higher Education Preparatory Diploma) (up to and including 2013)

## Guideline University Requirements 2014+

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** E (on a scale F-A where A is best)

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects of which at least 5 must be mid-level or better and which must include 2 with Grade C
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects of which at least 5 must be at level B or better and which must include 3 with Grade C
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects at level A

**Single Sitting:** As subjects are taken over the three years of the senior cycle, a single sitting is deemed to be first presentation of certificate. Subjects added subsequently will not be considered for points calculation.

**English Language Competence:** level 6 or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Swedish exam</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>Swedish</b>
H1	A (Mid-level) or B (highest level)	O1	C (Mid-level)
H2	B (Mid-level) or C (highest level)	O2	D (Mid-level)
H3	B (Mid-level) or C (highest level)	O3	D (Mid-level)
H4	C (Mid-level)	O4	A (basic level)
H5	C (Mid-level)	O5	C (basic level)
H6	D (Mid-level)	O6	E (basic level)
H7	E (Mid-level)		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>			
<b>Mid-level</b>	<b>Subject Score</b>	<b>Highest level</b>	<b>Subject Score</b>
A	80	A	40
B	70	B	35
C	60	C	30
D	50	D	25
E	40	E	20

Level A subjects do not count for points. Scores are calculated counting up to 6 distinct recognised level B subjects. Additional points can be awarded for up to 3 subjects at level C or higher and these will be required in order to attain more than 480 points. The level C subjects may be the same as subjects already counted at level B. e.g. 480 points = 6 level B subjects A

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

Bonus points of 25 will be awarded for Mathematics Level 3C, grade E or better

**Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only**

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg (Upper secondary school leaving certificate in vocational streams) 3 years +
- Kvalificerad Yrkeshögskoleexamen (400 Yh) (from 2010)(Advanced) Diploma in Higher Vocational Education)
- Yrkeshögskoleexamen (200 Yh) (from 2010) (Diploma in Higher Vocational Education)

# Switzerland

*As an EFTA country Switzerland is considered as an EU country for admissions purposes*

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

### French Speaking

- Certificat de Maturité / Certificat de Maturité Cantonal reconnu par la Confédération
- Maturité Cantonale

### German Speaking

- Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonales Maturitätszeugnis
- Maturitätsausweis
- Kantonale Maturität partial recognition to a maximum of 500 points

### Italian Speaking

- Attestato di Maturità / Attestato di Maturità Cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione
- Maturità Cantonale – partial recognition to a maximum of 500 points

### The following examination may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Kantonale Maturität/Maturité Cantonale/Maturità Cantonale): not recognised federally; Is considered comparable to GCE Advanced Subsidiary AS level/Scottish Higher standard. Does not automatically satisfy the general entrance requirements of British higher education institutions; students may be considered on an individual basis.

## Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:** Pass on appropriate scale. I.e. 6 on 10 points scale; 4 on 6 point scale and 3 on 5 point scale

NB applicants must present a school report showing grades attained in each subject

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

		10 point scale	6 point scale	5 point scale
<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	all 6 subjects at 6 with at least 2 at 8	all 6 subjects at 4 with at least 2 at 5	all 6 subjects at 3 with at least 2 at 2
	3 H5 required	all 6 subjects at 6 with at least 3 at 8	all 6 subjects at 4 with at least 3 at 5	all 6 subjects at 3 with at least 3 at 2
<b>Level 7/6</b>		all 6 subjects at 6	all 6 subjects at 4	all 6 subjects at 3

In all cases the subjects must distinct recognised subjects.

### English Language Competence

- (ten point scale) 6 or equivalent English language competence (*see page 3*)
- (six point scale): 4 or equivalent English language competence (*see page 3*)
- (five point scale) 3 or equivalent English language competence (*see page 3*)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>							
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>							
<b>LC higher</b>	<b>10 point scale</b>	<b>6 point scale</b>	<b>5 point scale</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>10 point scale</b>	<b>6 point scale</b>	<b>5 point scale</b>
H1	10	6	1	O1	8	5	2
H2	9	6	1	O2	7	4	3
H3	9	6	1	O3	6	4	3
H4	8	5	2	O4	6	4	3
H5	8	5	2	O5	6	4	3
H6	7	4	3	O6	6	4	3
H7	6	4	3				

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows (counting the 6 best distinct subjects normally recognised by Irish HEIs for admissions purposes) Note, for exams accepted to maximum of 500, this will be scaled pro rata:

<b>10 point scale</b>	
<b>Score</b>	<b>Subject IPS</b>
10	100
9	85
8	70
7	55
6	40
Example: 480 = 4 subjects at 9 + 2 at 8	

<b>6 point scale</b>	
<b>Score</b>	<b>Subject IPS</b>
6	100
5	70
4	40
Example: 480 = 4 subjects at 9 + 2 at 8	

<b>5 point scale</b>	
<b>Score</b>	<b>Subject IPS</b>
1	100
2	70
3	40
Example: 480 = 4 subjects at 6 + 2 at 4	

### Bonus points for maths in 2017:

Not applicable

### Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 qualifications in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

#### French Speaking

- Certificat de Capacité
- Certificat de Maturité Professionnelle
- Maturité Commerciale
- Maturité Spécialisée
- Diplôme (awarded by an École Supérieure Spécialisée)
- Diplôme (awarded by an École Technique Supérieure)

#### German Speaking

- Berufsmaturitätszeugnis
- Berufsmittelschuldiplom
- Fachmittelschuldiplom
- Handelsmaturität
- Fachmaturität
- Fähigkeitszeugnis
- Diplom (awarded by a Höhere Fachschule)
- Diplom (awarded by a Höhere Technische Lehranstalt)

**Italian Speaking**

- Attestato di Capacità
- Attestato di Maturità Professionale
- Attestato di Maturità Specializzata
- Diploma di Scuola Cultura Generale
- Maturità Commerciale
- Diploma (awarded by a Scuola Specializzata Superiore)
- Diploma (awarded by a Scuola Tecnica Superiore)

# United Kingdom

## A-level/GCSE

### Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark for purposes of admission to HEIs:**

E at A-level, D at AS or C at GCSE (on a scale of E-A\* where A\* is best)

**Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation**

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include: 2 subjects at GCE A Level grade C and 4 other subjects at GCSE Level Grade C
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects at GCE A Level grade C and 3 other subjects at GCSE Level Grade C
<b>Level 7/6</b>		A total of passes in 5 distinct recognised subjects at GCSE Level Grade C or better which must include at least one A Level or equivalent.

**Note:**

Applied A-level subjects are not accepted for matriculation or entry purposes in all institutions (check institution website for clarification. Generally Institutes of Technology accept Applied A-levels).

**Single Sitting:**

A-level grades taken over a single sitting may be combined with AS grades from the same year or 1 year previous.

**English Language Competence:**

Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

**Specific Subject Requirements:**

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI’s website, use the following table:

Subject Grade Comparison:						
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>						
Leaving Cert	A-level (A2)	AS	Leaving Cert	A-level (A2)	AS	GCSE
H1	A		O1	C	B	
H2	B		O2	C	C	
H3	B		O3	D	C	B
H4	C		O4	E	D	C
H5	C		O5	E	D	C
H6	D	C	O6	E	D	C
H7	E	D				

**Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points**

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Universities and associated colleges</b>			
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Best 3 A-Levels</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Subject</b>	
		<b>A-Level</b>	<b>AS Level</b>
<b>A*</b>	180	60	
<b>A</b>	150	50	30
<b>B</b>	130	45	25
<b>C</b>	100	35	20
<b>D</b>	65	20	15
<b>E</b>	45	15	10

<b>Institutes of Technology (other than DkIT<sup>4</sup>)</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Best 3 A-Levels</b>	<b>AS Levels (&amp; 4<sup>th</sup> A-level where presented)</b>
<b>A*</b>	180	60
<b>A</b>	150	60
<b>B</b>	130	55
<b>C</b>	100	40
<b>D</b>	65	25
<b>E</b>	45	20

**Notes Universities and associated colleges**

1. A maximum of four different recognised subjects, which are not mutually exclusive, will be counted.
2. If 4 A-levels are presented, the lowest grade is scored at a lower rate.
3. Only A-level grades awarded at the same date can be considered for computation.
4. Applicants are scored on the basis of their best four A-levels, or three A-levels and an AS level in a different subject from the same or preceding year. (note one A-level grade from the previous year may be substituted for an AS grade but will only be scored as an AS).
5. Grades in the same subject in A2 and AS level cannot be combined.
6. Please note that these points equivalences are indicative only. In the case of high demand programmes such as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, a numerus clausus may operate.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017**

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in A2 Mathematics. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. NB Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.

**Notes: Institutes of Technology (other than DkIT) and other HEIs offering QQI HET awards:**

Applicants are scored on the basis of a maximum of 4 different subject results at A and/or AS level. For scoring purposes, the following combination of A Levels and AS Levels are permitted:

1. The best 4 A level results in a single sitting.
2. The best 3 A level results in a single sitting, plus the best AS level result from the previous or the same sitting.
3. The best 2 A level subject results in a single sitting, plus the best 2 results at AS level from the previous or the same sitting.
4. The best 1 A level subject result in a single sitting, plus the best 3 results at AS level from the previous or the same sitting.
5. The best 4 AS level subject results in a single sitting.

**Important information for all GCE Applicants**

- Evidence of GCSE examinations must be supplied in order to meet minimum entry requirements.
- AS Levels must be in different subjects to those taken at A-Level.
- Please see <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=scoring&s=gce> for details of documents which must be provided to CAO.

<sup>4</sup> A separate scoring system operates for Dundalk Institute of Technology, please see website for details.

### Note re change in GCSE scoring 2017

It is proposed that from GCSE equivalence from 2019 for ordinary level subject requirements will be as follows:

LC	GCSE
O1	9/A*
O2	8/A
O3	7/A
O4	6/B
O5	5/C
O6	4/C

### Other Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s)

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission, particularly in the Institute of Technology sector, in related areas only. Where accepted, vocational awards will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- AVCE
- BTEC Certificate at level 3 or higher
  - Pre 2010 awards,  
National Certificates & National Diplomas may be considered for , Levels 6 and 7 only
  - Post 2010 awards,  
Subsidiary Diploma or 90 Credit Diploma. may be considered for level 6/7 only  
Diploma, or Extended Diploma, may be considered for levels 6, 7, or 8
- Foundation Degree

## Welsh Baccalaureate

Individual A-level subjects presented as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate will be accepted. The vocational parts of the Welsh Baccalaureate do not fulfil matriculation or entry requirements or count for the award of points.

## Cambridge Pre-U

### Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark:** P3

#### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 2 subjects Merit and 4 other subjects passed in Cambridge Pre-U or GCSE Level Grade C
	3 H5 required	6 distinct recognised subjects which must include 3 subjects Merit and 3 other subjects passed in Cambridge Pre-U or GCSE Level Grade C
<b>Level 7/6</b>		5 distinct recognised subjects passed in Cambridge Pre-U or GCSE Level Grade C

**Single Sitting:** Principal Subjects and GPR for the overall Cambridge Pre-U should be taken in a single sitting.

#### English Language Competence:

Pass at principal subject or Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).



## Draft Guideline Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
LC Higher	Cambridge Pre-U	LC Ordinary	Cambridge Pre-U
H1	D1 in principal subject	O1	M3 in principal subject
H2	D2 in principal subject	O2	P2 in principal subject
H3	D3 in principal subject	O3	D3 in short course or Grade B GCSE
H4	M1 in principal subject	O4	M2 in short course or Grade C GCSE
H5	M3 in principal subject	O5	P1 in short course or Grade C GCSE
H6	P2 in principal subject	O6	P3 in short course or Grade C GCSE
H7	P3 in principal subject		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>							
Cambridge Pre-U Grade	Subject IPS			A-level (A2 or AS grade)	Subject IPS		
	Main Subjects	4 <sup>th</sup> Subject			A2	4 <sup>th</sup> Subject	
		Main Subject	Short courses			A2	AS
D1	180	60	30				
D2	180	60	30	A*	180	60	
D3	150	50	30	A	150	50	
M1	140	50	25				
M2	120	45	25	B	130	45	
M3	105	40	25				
P1	95	30	20	C	100	35	
P2	75	20	15	D	65	20	
P3	40	15	10	E	45	15	

Note: Global perspectives is scored at 5 points less than all other subjects in each case.

Scores are calculated over best 4 distinct recognised subjects, between Cambridge Pre U and A-level. For high demand courses such as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, a numerus clausus may operate.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** 25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in A2 Mathematics. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. NB Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.

# Multi-national Qualifications

## European Baccalaureate

### Guideline University Requirements

**Subject pass mark:** 6 (on a scale of 1-10 best)

#### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation:

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Overall 60%
	3 H5 required	Overall 60%
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Overall 50%

**English Language Competence:** 6 in 1<sup>st</sup> Language, or in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign language or equivalent English Language competence (see page 3).

**Specific Subject Requirements:** To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>				
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>				
LC	2 period	≥3 period	Languages ≥3 period	Maths
H1		9	8	9 in 5 period
H2		8	7	8 in 5 period
H3		8	7	8 in 5 period
H4		7	6	7 in 5 period
H5		7	6	7 in 5 period
H6		6	5	7 (3 period) / 6 (5 period)
H7		5	5	6 (3 period) / 5 (5 period)
O1		7	6	7 in 5 period
O2		6	5	7 (3 period) / 6 (5 period)
O3		5	5	6 (3 period) / 5 (5 period)
O4	6	5	5	6(3 period) / 5 (5 period)
O5	6	5	5	6(3 period) / 5 (5 period)
O6	6	5	5	6(3 period) / 5 (5 period)

#### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the equivalence will be as follows based on the overall percentage as calculated on the Baccalaureate, provided sufficient distinct recognised subjects are passed:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
Overall Mark	IPS
96%+	600
93	573
90	545
80	450
70	395
60	360

Note: This scoring has been based on alignment with percentages attaining scores in the EB compared with scores attained by the same percent in the Irish Leaving Certificate, while retaining the minimum of 60%= 360 points. A further review will be carried out and the minimum may change for 2018 or later years.

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** 25 additional points will be awarded for grade 6 or better on 5 period Mathematics or Advanced Maths

# International Baccalaureate

## Guideline University Requirements

**Pass mark:** 4 at standard level where O6 is required.

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Award of diploma with 24 overall
	3 H5 required	overall 24 which must include 3 subjects grade 5 at higher level and 3 subjects grade 4 at standard level
<b>Level 7/6</b>		overall 24 and award of diploma

**English Language Competence:** English A1, A2 or B: 5 at Higher Level (4 @ either Level if presenting IB through English) or equivalent English Language competence (*see page 3*).

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
LC Higher	Higher Level	LC Ordinary	Standard Level
H1	7	O1	7
H2	6	O2	7
H3	6	O3	6
H4	5	O4	5
H5	5	O5	5
H6	4	O6	4
H7	3		

NB for Mathematics requirements Mathematical Studies is NOT acceptable (although it can be used a subject to meet general matriculation requirements of passes in 6 subjects). Where Mathematical Studies is presented the appropriate Leaving Certificate grade or GCE/GCSE grade may be used to meet specific mathematics requirements for entry (but not as a sixth matric subject).

**Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points** As a guideline it is anticipated that points will be awarded as follows based on the overall IB score assuming sufficient recognised subjects are presented:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
IB Score	IPS
45	600
42	560
36	480
30	400
27	360
24	320

**Bonus points for maths in 2017:** 25 additional points will be awarded for a grade 4 or better on higher level Mathematics ONLY

**Note re 2018:** A major review of IB scoring is ongoing and there may be significant changes in scoring and entry requirements for 2018.

## Recognised School-Leaving Qualification(s) Level 6/7 only

The following qualifications may be recognised for admission to Level 6/7 courses in related areas only. They will be scored to a maximum of 390 points:

- International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate

# International Christian Certificate of Education (ICCE)

## Guideline University Requirements

**Pass mark:** Pass

### Minimum Entry Requirements/Matriculation

The minimum eligibility criteria follow. Proof of English proficiency is required in all cases. The minimum standard may be higher in individual HEIs and/or for individual courses. There may also be specific subject requirements for courses.

<b>Level 8</b>	2 H5 required	Pass in the Advanced diploma overall with at least two distinct recognised subjects at 84% or better at Advanced level
	3 H5 required	Pass in the Advanced diploma overall with at least three distinct recognised subjects at 84% or better at Advanced level
<b>Level 7/6</b>		Pass in Advanced diploma

Note: all qualifications are subject to annual review but, as this qualification has only been recognised in 2012, the scoring scheme will be monitored closely as we begin to receive applicants presenting this qualification.

**English Language Competence:** pass (80%) in English, otherwise equivalent English Language competence (see page 3)

### Specific Subject Requirements:

To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the following table:

<b>Subject Grade Comparison:</b>			
<i>NB NOT for points conversion - for this see separate table below</i>			
<b>LC Higher</b>	<b>Advanced level</b>	<b>LC Ordinary</b>	<b>General Level</b>
H1	100%	O1	100%
H2	95%	O2	95%
H3	90%	O3	90%
H4	88%	O4	88%
H5	84%	O5	84%
H6	80%	O6	80%
H7	75%		

### Guideline Indicative equivalence with Irish Leaving Certificate points

As a guideline it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be calculated as follows:

<b>Points Equivalence Table</b>	
<b>PACE points</b>	<b>IPS</b>
100	600
95	525
92	480
90	450
85	375
80	300

### Bonus points for maths in 2017

25 additional points will be awarded for 80% or better on Advanced level Mathematics ONLY