

# Equivalence of qualifications

The table below outlines indicative equivalencies to operate for entry in 2017. Please refer to the online prospectus at [ulster.ac.uk](http://ulster.ac.uk) for entry requirements for any particular course.

GCE or Applied A levels (grades)	AAA	AAB	ABB	BBB	BBC	BCC	CCC	CCD
Two A levels plus BTEC Subsidiary Diploma/ National Extended Certificate*	AA plus D	AA plus D	AB plus D	BB plus D	BB plus M	BC plus M	CC plus M	CC plus M
A level plus BTEC National Diploma*	DD plus A	DD plus B	DD plus B	DM plus B	DM plus C	DM plus C	MM plus C	MM plus D
BTEC National Extended Diploma*	DDD	DDD	DDM	DDM	DMM	DMM	MMM	MMM
International Baccalaureate (points)	Min. 29 points (14 at higher level)	Min. 28 points (14 at higher level)	Min. 27 points (13 at higher level)	Min. 26 points (13 at higher level)	Min. 25 points (12 at higher level)	Min. 24 points (12 at higher level)	Min. 24 points (12 at higher level)	Min. 24 points (12 at higher level)
Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher level grades)	Min. H2, H2, H2, H3	Min. H2, H2, H3, H3	Min. H2, H3, H3, H3, H3	Min. H3, H3, H3, H3	Min. H3, H3, H3, H4	Min. H3, H3, H4, H4	Min. H3, H4, H4, H4, H4	Min. H4, H4, H4, H4
Ulster Foundation Degree (Overall percentage in level 5 modules)	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	45%	40%	40%
Access (Overall percentage) (N. Ireland awards)	75%	70%			65%		60%	
HNC Please note: Performance in level 4 units/credits may be specified	Overall Distinction					Overall Merit		
HND Please note: Performance in level 5 units/credits may be specified	Overall Distinction			Overall Merit				Overall Pass

Applicants should include all qualifications they are talking in the Qualification section of their UCAS application. \*Please note: Additional unit profile requirements are stipulated for BTEC level 3 awards - see BTEC table on following page.

BTEC Level 3 Qualification	A level	Overall BTEC Award Grade	Level 3 Unit Profile
National Extended Diploma (180 credits)	A*A*A*	Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*	To include a minimum of 15 Distinctions
	A*A*A	Distinction, Distinction*, Distinction*	To include a minimum of 14 Distinctions
	A*AA	Distinction, Distinction, Distinction*	To include a minimum of 13 Distinctions
	AAA	Distinction, Distinction, Distinction	To include a minimum of 12 Distinctions
	AAB	Distinction, Distinction, Distinction	To include a minimum of 11 Distinctions
	ABB	Distinction, Distinction, Merit	To include a minimum of 10 Distinctions
	BBB	Distinction, Distinction, Merit	To include a minimum of 9 Distinctions
	BBC	Distinction, Merit, Merit	To include a minimum of 8 Distinctions
	BCC	Distinction, Merit, Merit	To include a minimum of 7 Distinctions
	CCC	Merit, Merit, Merit	To include a minimum of 15 Merits
National Diploma (120 credits)	CCD	Merit, Merit, Merit	To include a minimum of 13 Merits
	A*A*	Distinction*, Distinction*	To include a minimum of 10 Distinctions
	A*A	Distinction, Distinction*	To include a minimum of 9 Distinctions
	AA	Distinction, Distinction	To include a minimum of 8 Distinctions
	AB	Distinction, Distinction	To include a minimum of 7 Distinctions
	BB	Distinction, Merit	To include a minimum of 6 Distinctions
	BC	Distinction, Merit	To include a minimum of 5 Distinctions
	CC	Merit, Merit	To include a minimum of 10 Merits
Subsidiary Diploma/ National Extended Certificate (60 credits)	CD	Merit, Merit	To include a minimum of 9 Merits
	A*	Distinction*	To include a minimum of 5 Distinctions
	A	Distinction	To include a minimum of 4 Distinctions
	B	Distinction	To include a minimum of 3 Distinctions
	C	Merit	To include a minimum of 5 Merits
D	Merit	To include a minimum of 4 Merits	

## NOTES

**GCSE:** Grade C equivalences - ILC Ordinary = 04, GB = 4. Grade B equivalences - ILC Ordinary = 03, GB = 5 or 6 (Determined on a course basis. See online prospectus.)

**BTEC level 3 qualifications:** Offers will be expressed in terms of Overall Award Grade(s) to include a Unit Profile. Please see table for specific details. The 90 Credit Diploma/National Foundation Diploma will be considered as equivalent to one and a half A levels.

**HNC:** Candidates will be considered for year one entry only.

**HND:** Candidates may be considered for year two entry (or part-time equivalent) where the curriculum sufficiently matches that of the Ulster University full-time year one course. Foundation degree applicants will normally be

considered for entry to an associated honours degree (normally year two entry, or part-time equivalent).

For HNDs and foundation degrees the same entrance requirement applies regardless of the point of entry.

**Other qualifications:** We welcome applications from international applicants and those who may be studying a UK Benchmark Qualification not shown. We will consider such applications on an individual basis. Whilst we will consider your entire academic profile we normally make offers in terms of benchmark qualifications.

In all qualifications specific requirements in individual subjects/units/credits may be required.