

EQUIVALENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS – 2021/22

The table below outlines indicative equivalences to operate for entry in 2021. Please refer to the online prospectus at 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 & BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)	AA & D*	AA & D	AB & D	BB & D	BB & M	BC & M	CC & M	CC & M
Two A levels & BTEC National Extended Certificate (RQF)	AA & D	AA & D	AB & D	BB & D	BB & M	BC & M	CC & M	CC & M
A level & BTEC Diploma (QCF)	A & D*D*	A & D*D	A & DD	B & DD	B & DM	B & DM	C & DM	C & MM
A level & BTEC National Diploma (RQF)	A & DD	B & DD	B & DD	B & DM	C & DM	C & DM	C & MM	D & MM
BTEC Extended Diploma (QCF)	D*D*D	D*DD	D*DD	DDD	DDD	DDM	DMM	DMM
BTEC National Extended Diploma (RQF)	DDD	DDD	DDM	DDM	DMM	DMM	MMM	MMM
Scottish Highers	ABBBB	BBBBB	BBBBC	BBBCC	BBCCC	BCCCC	CCCCC	CCCCD
Advanced Scottish Highers	ABB	BBB	BBC	CCC	CCD	CDD	DDD	DDE
International Baccalaureate (points)	Min 29 points (14 at HL)	Min 28 points (14 at HL)	Min 27 points (13 at HL)	Min 26 points (13 at HL)	Min 25 points (12 at HL)	Min 24 points (12 at HL)	Min 24 points (12 at HL)	Min 24 points (12 at HL)
Irish Leaving Certificate	144 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	136 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	128 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	120 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	112 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	104 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	96 UCAS TARIFF POINTS	88 UCAS TARIFF POINTS
Ulster Foundation Degree (Overall % in L5 modules)	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	45%	40%	40%
Certificate of Higher Education	73%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	45%	45%
Access Diploma (NI) (Overall % in Level 3 modules)	75%	73%	70%	65%	63%	60%	55%	53%
Access to HE Diploma (GB)	45D	39D 6M	30D 15M	24D 21M	15D 30M	12D 30M 3P	45M	39M 6P
HNC	Overall Distinction with distinctions in all L4 credits		Overall Distinction with distinctions in 105 L4 credits	Overall Distinction with distinctions in 90 L4 credits	Overall Distinction with distinctions in 75 L4 credits	Overall Merit with distinctions in 60 L4 credits	Overall Merit with distinctions in 45 L4 credits	Overall Pass
HND	Overall Distinction with distinctions in 105 L5 credits	Overall Distinction with distinctions in 90 L5 credits	Overall Distinction with distinctions in 75 L5 credits	Overall Merit with distinctions in 60 L5 credits	Overall Merit with distinctions in 45 L5 credits	Overall Merit with distinctions in 30 L5 credits	Overall Merit with distinctions in 15 L5 credits	Overall Pass with merits in 45 L5 credits

Applicants should include all qualifications they are taking in the Qualification section of their UCAS application.

APPLIED GENERAL LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION (E.G. PEARSON BTEC, OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS)	A LEVEL EQUIVALENCE	QCF APPLIED GENERAL LEVEL 3 AWARD GRADE (2010/2012 Suite)	RQF APPLIED GENERAL LEVEL 3 AWARD GRADE (2016/2019 Suite containing external assessment)	RQF APPLIED GENERAL LEVEL 3 AWARD GRADE (2019 Suite with no external assessment)
National Extended Diploma (180 credits)	A*A*A*	D*D*D*	D*D*D*	D*D*D*
	A*A*A	D*D*D	D*D*D	D*D*D
	A*AA	D*D*D	D*DD	D*D*D
	AAA	D*D*D	DDD	D*D*D
	AAB	D*DD	DDD	D*DD
	ABB	D*DD	DDM	D*DD
	BBB	DDD	DDM	DDD
	BBC	DDD	DMM	DDD
	BCC	DDM	DMM	DDM
	CCC	DMM	MMM	DMM
CCD	DMM	MMM	DMM	
National Diploma (120 credits)	A*A*	D*D*	D*D*	D*D*
	A*A	D*D*	D*D	D*D*
	AA	D*D*	DD	D*D*
	AB	D*D	DD	D*D
	BB	DD	DM	DD
	BC	DM	DM	DM
	CC	DM	MM	DM
	CD	MM	MM	MM
	A*	D*	D*	D*
	A	D*	D	D*
Subsidiary Diploma / National Extended Certificate (60 credits)	B	D	D	D
	C	M	M	M
	D	M	M	M

NOTES

GCSE: Grade C equivalences - ILC Ordinary = O4, GB = 4. Grade B/C* equivalences - ILC Ordinary = O3, GB = 5 or 6 (Determined on a course basis. See online prospectus.)

Applied General Level 3 qualifications: Offers will be expressed in terms of Overall Award Grade(s). The 90 Credit Diploma/National Foundation Diploma will be considered as equivalent to one and a half A levels. Vocationally-related and Level 3 qualifications on the Tech Level category are not considered for entry.

Irish Leaving Certificate: Applicants will need to achieve the UCAS tariff score with a minimum of 4 subjects at Higher Level and 1 at Ordinary Level. Some courses may ask for specific grades in certain subjects so check the requirements before applying.

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).

Certificate of Higher Education: Students who exit a Foundation Degree with a Certificate of Education after one year are not permitted to join a course at Ulster until the following academic year. Applicants wishing to join from another institution after one year must have completed 120 credits at Level 4 with the overall percentage detailed on the table to the left.

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.