

EQUIVALENCE OF UK QUALIFICATIONS

The table below outlines indicative equivalences to operate for entry in 2019. 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 to include 4 unit Dist. | AA & D to include 3 unit Dist. | AB & D to include 3 unit Dist. | BB & D to include 3 unit Dist. | BB & M to include 5 unit Merits | BC & M to include 5 unit Merits | CC & M to include 5 unit Merits | CC & M to include 4 unit Merits |
| 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 & DD to include 8 unit Dist. | A & DD to include 7 unit Dist. | A & DM to include 6 unit Dist. | B & DM to include 6 unit Dist. | B & DM to include 5 unit Dist. | B & MM to include 10 unit Merits. | C & MM to include 10 unit Merits | C & MM to include 9 unit Merits |
| 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) | DDD | DDD | DDM | DDM | DMM | DMM | MMM | MMM |
| 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 (Higher Level Grades) | Min H2,H2,H2, H2,H3 | Min H2,H2,H2, H3,H3 | Min H2,H3,H3, H3,H3 | Min H3,H3,H3, H3,H3 | Min H3,H3,H3, H3,H4 | Min H3,H3,H3, H4,H4 | Min H3,H4,H4, H4,H4 | Min H4,H4,H4, H4,H4 |
| Ulster Foundation Degree (Overall % in L5 modules) | 70% | 65% | 60% | 55% | 50% | 45% | 40% | 40% |
| 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.

*Please note: Additional unit profile requirements are stipulated for those taking Applied General Level 3 awards on the QCF Framework (offered from 2010)

| APPLIED GENERAL LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION | A LEVEL EQUIVALENCE | QCF BTEC AWARD GRADE (2010 Suite) | RQF BTEC AWARD GRADE (2016 Suite) |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| National Extended Diploma (180 credits) | A*A*A* | D*D*D* | D*D*D* |
| | A*A*A | D*D*D to include 14 unit Distinctions | D*D*D |
| | A*AA | D*D*D to include 13 unit Distinctions | D*DD |
| | AAA | DDD to include 12 unit Distinctions | DDD |
| | AAB | DDD to include 11 unit Distinctions | DDD |
| | ABB | DDM to include 10 unit Distinctions | DDM |
| | BBB | DDM to include 9 unit Distinctions | DDM |
| | BBC | DMM to include 8 unit Distinctions | DMM |
| | BCC | DMM to include 7 unit Distinctions | DMM |
| | CCC | MMM to include 15 unit Merits | MMM |
| National Diploma (120 credits) | CCD | MMM to include 13 unit Merits | MMM |
| | A*A* | D*D* to include 10 unit Distinctions | D*D* |
| | A*A | D*D to include 9 unit Distinctions | D*D |
| | AA | DD to include 8 unit Distinctions | DD |
| | AB | DD to include 7 unit Distinctions | DD |
| | BB | DM to include 6 unit Distinctions | DM |
| | BC | DM to include 5 unit Distinctions | DM |
| | CC | MM to include 10 unit Merits | MM |
| | CD | MM to include 9 unit Merits | MM |
| | Subsidiary Diploma / National Extended Certificate (60 credits) | A* | D* to include 5 unit Distinctions |
| A | | D to include 4 unit Distinctions | D |
| B | | D to include 3 unit Distinctions | D |
| C | | M to include 5 unit Merits | M |
| D | | M to include 4 unit Merits | M |

NOTES

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

Applied General Level 3 qualifications: Offers for QCF Applied General qualifications 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.

We will also accept OCR Cambridge Technicals and entry requirements will be the same as Pearson BTECs.

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).

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.