

## Typical Entry Qualifications 2021 entry

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| Qualification                                   | Typical grade range equivalencies                             |   |   |   |   |   | Subject equivalencies |         |         | Notes   |
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|   | A*AA  | AAA   | AAB   | ABB   | BBB   | BBC   | A*                    | A       | B       |   |
| <b>International Baccalaureate Diploma</b>      | Pass, with overall score of 38 points with 19 at Higher Level | Pass, with overall score of 36 points with 18 at Higher Level | Pass, with overall score of 34 points with 17 at Higher Level | Pass, with overall score of 32 points with 16 at Higher Level | Pass, with overall score of 30 points with 15 at Higher Level | Pass, with overall score of 28 points with 14 at Higher Level | 7 in HL               | 6 in HL | 5 in HL | Where A levels requirements are specified in specific subjects, applicants would be expected to offer these at Higher Level.  |
| <b>Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher level)</b> | H1 H1 H1 H2 H2 H2   | H1 H1 H2 H2 H2 H2   | H1 H2 H2 H2 H2 H2   | H1 H2 H2 H2 H3 H3   | H2 H2 H3 H3 H3 H3   | H2 H3 H3 H3 H3 H3   | H1                    | H2      | H3      | Where A levels requirements are specified in specific subjects, applicants would be expected to offer these at Higher Level.<br><br>All applicants would be required to have achieved a grade of O4 in Mathematics and English, the equivalent of GCSE Grade C/ Grade 4 |

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| <b>Scottish Advanced Highers</b>                                 | Offers will be based on exams being taken at the end of S6. Subjects taken and qualifications achieved in S5 will be reviewed. Careful consideration will be given to an individual's academic achievement, taking in to account the context and circumstances of their pre-university education. Please see the <a href="#">University of Southampton's Curriculum for Excellence Scotland Statement</a> for further information. Applicants are advised to contact Admissions for more information. |   |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   | Where A levels requirements are specified in specific subjects, applicants would be expected to offer these at Advanced Higher Level (or in some case Higher Level)<br><br>GCSE – Grade C/ Grade 4<br>Standard Grade – Grade 3<br>National 5 – Grade C |
| <b>Scottish Highers</b>  | We normally consider applicants who offer at least 1 Advanced Higher. Applicants presenting with only Highers will be considered on a case by case basis. Where Highers are taken over two years it might be expected that higher grades are achieved, particularly in any specific subjects required. <i>(For example - S5 – S6 (2 years) - ABBBB (A in specific subject) or S6 (1 year) - ABBBB (A in specific subject)</i>   |   |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |  |
| <b>Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate</b> | A*AA from 3 A levels<br><i>or</i><br>A*A from two A levels and A from the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate   | AAA from 3 A levels<br><i>or</i><br>AA from two A levels and A from the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate | AAB from 3 A levels<br><i>or</i><br>AA from two A levels and B from the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate | ABB from 3 A levels<br><i>or</i><br>AB from two A levels and B from the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate | BBB from 3 A levels<br><i>or</i><br>BB from two A levels and B from the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate | BBC from 3 A levels<br><i>or</i><br>BB from two A levels and C from the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate | A*                    | A | B | Dual offers made   |

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| <b>Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate (RQF)/ Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)</b> | D* + AA at A-level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>D + A*A at A-level (or equivalent)             | D + AA at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + AA at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + AB at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + BB at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + BC at A-level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>M + BB at A-level (or equivalent)              | D                     | D | D | Specific BTEC courses/units and/or subject specific A-levels (or equivalent) may be required for some programmes |
| <b>Pearson BTEC National Diploma (RQF)/ Pearson BTEC Diploma (QCF)</b>                         | D*D + A grade at A-Level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>DD + A* grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + A grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + A grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DM + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>DD + C grade at A-Level (or equivalent)) | D                     | D | D |  |
| <b>Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma (RQF)/ Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma (QCF)</b>       | D*DD  | DDD                                     | DDD                                     | DDM                                     | DDM                                     | DDM  | D                     | D | D |  |

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|   | A*AA  | AAA                                     | AAB                                     | ABB                                     | BBB                                     | BBC  | A*                    | A | B |  |
| <b>AQA Tech Level</b>   | D*D + A grade at A-Level<br><i>or</i><br>DD + A* grade at A-Level                                 | DD + A grade at A-Level                 | DD + A grade at A-Level                 | DD + B grade at A-Level                 | DD + B grade at A-Level                 | DM + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>DD + C grade at A-Level (or equivalent)) | D                     | D | D | The AQA Tech Level must be offered in combination with at least one A Level. For degrees in Engineering, Computing and related subjects, the A Level must be in Mathematics and the applicant must take units M1 and M2. |
| <b>OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma/<br/>OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate</b> | D* + AA at A-level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>D + A*A at A-level (or equivalent)             | D + AA at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + AA at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + AB at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + BB at A-level (or equivalent)       | D + BC at A-level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>M + BB at A-level (or equivalent)              | D                     | D | D | Specific CTEC courses/units and/or subject specific A-levels (or equivalent) may be required for some programmes   |
| <b>OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma</b>  | D*D + A grade at A-Level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>DD + A* grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + A grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + A grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DD + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent) | DM + B grade at A-Level (or equivalent)<br><i>or</i><br>DD + C grade at A-Level (or equivalent)  | D                     | D | D |  |

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| <b>OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma</b>         | D*DD                              | DDD  | DDD   | DDM  | DDM  | DDM  | D                     | D  | D     | Specific CTEC courses/units and/or subject specific A-levels (or equivalent) may be required for some programmes   |
| <b>Access to HE Diploma</b>                             | n/a                               | 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 all of which must at Distinction. | 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 of which 39 credits must be at Distinction and 6 credits at Merit. | 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 of which 30 credits must be at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit. | 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 of which 24 credits must be at Distinction and 21 credits at Merit. | 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 of which 18 credits must be at Distinction and 27 credits at Merit. |                       |    |       | Applicants may be required to meet additional subject-specific requirements for particular course, e.g. Languages. |
| <b>Cambridge Pre-U Certificate (principal subjects)</b> | D2 D3 D3                          | D3 D3 D3   | D3 D3 M2  | D3 M2 M2   | M2 M2 M2   | M2 M2 M1   | D1/D2                 | D3 | M1/M2 |  |

**GCSEs:**

The University of Southampton will require all applicants to achieve at least a Grade 4 in English and Mathematics GCSEs (taken in England) or a Grade C in both subjects (where taken in Northern Ireland or Wales). Some degree subjects stipulate specific additional GCSE minimum grades (e.g. Medicine and some programmes within the Southampton Business School). Where entry criteria stipulate that applicants must achieve a minimum of a GCSE grade B in one or more subjects, we will expect applicants offering the new GCSE available in England to achieve a grade 6. In Northern Ireland and Wales the requirement will remain as a B. Where entry criteria stipulate that applicants must achieve a minimum of a GCSE grade A in one or more subjects, we will expect applicants offering the new GCSE available in England to achieve a grade 7. In Northern Ireland and Wales the requirement will remain as an A.

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