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Guidance for Teachers and School Counsellors on Admission to Royal Holloway

Royal Holloway accepts a wide range of school leaving qualifications for its undergraduate programmes. Our typical offers can be found on UCAS and on the Royal Holloway Course Finder <https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/home.aspx>. All qualifications that attract a UCAS tariff should be included on the UCAS application form.

Our advice to students is not to apply to Royal Holloway if their grade predictions are more than three grades below our typical offer as they are unlikely to be made an offer.

Students who have taken GCSEs currently require at least five GCSEs at grade C or above including Maths and English unless a different GCSE grade is included under our typical offer requirements.

Royal Holloway's admissions policy and procedures can be found on our website <https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/undergraduate/applying/home.aspx>

Statement on A Levels and GCSE reforms

No changes to our entry criteria have been made in the light of the reforms.

The following is of note

- Applicants are required to have three A-Level subjects.
- General Studies is not normally accepted as one of the three A-Levels.
- If a Science A-Level is taken, applicants will normally be required to pass the practical element.
- A fourth A-Level is welcomed and will be taken into consideration should the conditional offer grades be narrowly missed.
- The Core Maths qualification is accepted alongside GCSE Maths for those programmes requiring a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Maths. e.g. Psychology
- Applicants taking GCSEs with the new grading scheme will be required to get at least a grade 4 (or a grade C) in 5 subjects, including English and Maths. For courses requiring a grade B in a GCSE, grade 6 will be required.

Statement on AS Levels

AS levels are not accepted for entry to our degree programmes but any AS levels will be taken into consideration should the conditional offer grades be narrowly missed at Confirmation.

AS grades are currently used as a method of checking how realistic the predicted A-Level grades are. Where the A-Level predictions are two or more grades above those achieved at AS level, it is expected that the UCAS reference would explain clearly why such a significant improvement is projected.

Following the reform of A-Levels, if an applicant has no AS grades, other aspects of the application will be used such as GCSEs, personal statement and reference. It is likely that slightly more emphasis will be placed on predicted A-Level grades and it is important that schools provide the most accurate prediction as possible.

Statement on the Extended Project Qualification

Applicants are encouraged to take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) because of the transferable skills that are acquired and we see this as an effective means by which students can develop independent research skills. For courses using a grade range for entry criteria, e.g. ABB-BBB, the EPQ will form part of any offer alongside the required A-Level grades. These grades will be at the bottom end of the published grade range.

Statement on International Baccalaureate

Applicants with the International Baccalaureate are strongly encouraged to apply to Royal Holloway as evidence shows that students with this qualification perform well on our undergraduate programmes.

Statement on BTEC qualifications

Applicants with the BTEC Extended Diploma are welcomed, although many of our degree programmes require the subject of the BTEC Extended Diploma to be relevant to the subject of the degree applied for. Distinctions may be requested in particular units and some programmes require an additional A-Level to satisfy subject requirements. All entry requirements are listed on the Course Finder on the Royal Holloway website.

Applicants taking a combination of A-Levels and BTEC qualifications are also considered, although applicants with a combination of a BTEC Diploma and a BTEC Subsidiary Diploma are not accepted for Management programmes.

Statement on Cambridge Pre-U

Applicants with the Cambridge Pre-U are strongly encouraged to apply to Royal Holloway. Offers will be made on the basis of equivalent A-Level grades as follows:

A-Level grade	Pre-U Principal Subject
A*	D1 or D2
A	D3
B	M1 or M2

Statement on English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

Royal Holloway does not consider the English Baccalaureate as part of our admissions and selection procedures.

Statement on unconditional offers

For 2016 entry, most departments took part in an unconditional offer scheme. Decisions on whether an applicant can be considered for inclusion in such scheme is based on qualifications achieved and predicted grades for qualifications still to be taken. Royal Holloway will review this position for 2017 entry.