

This guide outlines the entry requirements for students applying to the NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY). We can accept any approved Secure English Language Test (SELT).

- **Minimum English Language Level:**

- UKVI IELTS 5.0 with no component below 4.5
- PTE Academic UKVI with 43, with no component below 43
- LanguageCert ESOL UKVI at B1 pass, with no component below 40

- **Academic Entry Requirements:**

Academic Entry Requirements vary depending on where you studied.

IFY Route 2: This Route 2 International Foundation Year (IFY) is designed for students who have not achieved the required results in high school or equivalent qualification prior to joining the IFY programme but who are still committed to progressing to university study.

Please note that Route 2 have more limited university programme and placement options compared to students entering through Route 1 and University of Manchester will not accept any applications via this route.

- **Minimum Age Requirement September intake:**

16 years of age. Students must turn 17 by December 31 of the year of course commencement.

- **Minimum Age Requirement January intake:**

17 years of age.

International Foundation Year – Route 2 Entry Requirements

This table lists the Route 2 entry requirements for admission onto the NCUK International Foundation Year. These are all requirements where Route 2 is lower than Route 1. For qualifications not listed here there no changes have been made.

Country	Entry qualification	Route 1 Entry Requirement	Route 2 Entry Requirement
Global	GCSE/IGCSE/Cambridge International O Levels	O Level / IGCSE Pre-2017 – Successful completion of 4 modules with grades of CCCC (to normally include Maths and English). Post -2017 – Successful completion of 4 modules with grades of 4 or above (to normally include Maths and English)	O Level / IGCSE Pre-2017 – Successful completion of 4 modules with grades of DDDE (to normally include Maths and English). Post -2017 – Successful completion of 4 modules with grades of 33322 or above (to normally include Maths and English)
	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)	Successful completion with a total of 34 points or more with a grade of 5 or more in both Maths and English. Students must have completed eAssessment. Students entering the IFY via this route may have limited progression outcomes.	Successful completion with a total of 28 points or more with a grade of 5 or more in both Maths and English. Students must have completed eAssessment. Students entering the IFY via this route may have limited progression outcomes.
	International Baccalaureate	Successful completion with a minimum of 22 points.	Successful completion with a minimum of 20 points.
Afghanistan	Grade 12 Graduation Certificate	Average of 50% or more	Average of 40% or more
Albania	Matura	Successful completion with an overall average of 6/10 (with a grade of 6 or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Successful completion with an overall average of 5/10 (with a grade of 5 or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Armenia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Successful completion with an overall average of 8/20 (with a grade of 8 or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Successful completion with an overall average of 7.5/20 (with a grade of 8 or more in Maths, and English if studied)

Australia	Year 11	Successful completion with an average grade of 70% (with a grade of 70% or more in Maths and English)	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths and English)
Bahrain	General Secondary Education Certificate	Average of 60% or more	Average of 50% or more
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate	Average of 50% or GPA of 3.0/5.0	Average of 40% or GPA of 2.0/5.0
Barbados	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Successful completion with grades greater than 3 in all relevant subjects.	Successful completion with grades greater than 4 in all relevant subjects.
Bermuda	Bermuda School Diploma	Successful completion with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.	Successful completion with a GPA of 1.33 or higher.
Bhutan	Bhutan Certificate of Secondary Education	Successful completion of with grades of 5 or better in all subjects	Successful completion of with grades of 6 or better in all subjects
Botswana	Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (BGCSE)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)	Successful completion of 5 modules with grades of DDDEE (to normally include Maths and English)
Brunei	O Levels	5 subjects with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)	5 subjects with grades of D7 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
China	Year 11	Students who have completed 11 years of school education including completion of Year 11 and have achieved an average of 70% or above may enter the IFY	Students who have completed 11 years of school education including completion of Year 11 and have achieved an average of 60% or above may enter the IFY
	Year 12/Gao Kao	The 12 years of school education should include senior middle school year three with passes at acceptable grades (70% and above) in all relevant subjects of the Gao Kao	The 12 years of school education should include senior middle school year three with passes at acceptable grades (50% and above) in all relevant subjects of the Gao Kao

Croatia	Matura	Average grade of 2.5/50% across all subjects (with a grade of 2.5/50% in Maths, and English if studied)	Average grade of 2 across all subjects (with a grade of 2 in Maths, and English if studied)
Ecuador	Titulo de Bachiller en Ciencias (Bachillerato)	Average grade of 7/10 (with grades of 7 or more in Maths, and English if studied).	Average grade of 6/10 (with grades of 6 or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Ethiopia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Average of 60% or more	Average of 50% or more
Gabon	Baccalaureate	Average of 10/20 or more (with grades of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied).	Average of 9/20 or more (with grades of 9 or more in Maths, and English if studied).
Gambia	West African Senior School Certificate	Successful completion with grades of C6 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English)	Successful completion with grades of E8 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English)
Georgia	Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Sashualo Ganatlebis Atestasi)	Successful completion with a grade of 6/10 or more in all subjects.	Successful completion with a grade of 4/10 or more in all subjects.
Ghana	West African Senior School Certificate	4 subjects at grade at C6	5 subjects at grade at E8
Guyana	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)	Completion with grades of 3 or more in all subjects	Completion with grades of 4 or more in all subjects
Hong Kong	Form 5 / Year 11	Grades 3,2,2 in relevant subjects	Grades 2,2,2 in relevant subjects
India	Year 10	Minimum of 70% (minimum of 70% in Maths only where further progression requires it)	Minimum of 35% (minimum of 35% in Maths only where further progression requires it)
	Year 11	Average of 65%	Average of 35%
	Higher Secondary Certificate / Standard 12	Average of 40%	Average of 35%
Japan	Kotogakko Year 2	Average grade of 3/5	Average grade of 2/5

Jordan	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Tawjihi)	Average grade of 50% or more (with a grade of at least 50% in Maths, and English if studied)	Average grade of 45% or more (with a grade of at least 45% in Maths, and English if studied)
Kenya	KCSE	4 modules with grades of CCCC (to normally include Maths and English).	4 modules with grades of DDDD (to normally include Maths and English).
Kiribati	Kiribati Senior Secondary Certificate	Average grade of 5 or better on a 1–9 grading scale (with a grade of 5 or better in Maths, and English if studied).	Average grade of 6 or better on a 1–9 grading scale (with a grade of 6 or better in Maths, and English if studied).
Kuwait	Shahadat Al-Thanawaya AlAama	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or more	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or more
		(with a grade of at least 60% in Maths, and English if studied)	(with a grade of at least 50% in Maths, and English if studied)
Lesotho	Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education (LGCSE)	5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).	5 modules with grades of DDDEE (to normally include Maths and English).
Liberia	Senior School Certificate	Average grade of 6 or better on a 1–9 grading scale (with a grade of 6 or better in Maths, and English if studied)	Average grade of 8 or better on a 1–9 grading scale (with a grade of 8 or better in Maths, and English if studied)
Libya	Secondary school certificate	Average of 60% or more	Average of 50% or more
Lithuania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Average of 6/10 (with a grade of at least 6 in Maths, and English if studied).	Average of 5/10 (with a grade of at least 5 in Maths, and English if studied).
Malaysia	Malaysia Certificate of Education (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia – SPM)	5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).	5 modules with grades of DDDEE (to normally include Maths and English).
	Unified Exam Certificate (UEC)	5 subjects at grade C8 or better (to normally include Maths and English).	4 subjects at grade C7 or better (to normally include Maths and English).
Malawi	School Certificate of Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English).	Successful completion with grades of 8 or better in at least five subjects (to normally include Maths and English).
Maldives	O Levels / Secondary School Certificate	5 subjects with grades of 6 or better (to normally include Maths and English).	5 subjects with grades of 8 or better (to normally include Maths and English).

Mauritius	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)	Successful completion of five modules with grades of DDDEE (to normally include Maths and English)
Myanmar	Basic Education Standard Examination / Matriculation	Successful completion with Pass grades (over 50%) in all subjects.	Minimum of 40% in all subjects.
Namibia	Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (Ordinary Level)	5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).	5 modules with grades of DDDEE (to normally include Maths and English).
Nigeria	National Examinations Council (NECO)	Successful completion of four modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)	Successful completion of four modules with 3 grades of D7 and 1 with a minimum of E8 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Oman	General Secondary Education Certificate	Average grade of 60%	Average grade of 50%
Pakistan	Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate	Successful completion with an average grade of 50% or more (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Successful completion with an average grade of 40% or more (with a grade of 40% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
	Secondary School Certificate (SSC)	N/A	Successful completion with an average grade of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Palestine	General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat AlThanawayya Al-Aama)	Successful completion with an overall average of 60% or more (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Successful completion with an overall average of 50% or more (with a grade of 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Qatar	General Secondary Education Certificate	Average grade of 60%	Average grade of 50%
Rwanda	Advanced General Certificate of Secondary Education	Successful completion of three subjects at grade C or better	Successful completion of three subjects at grade D or better

Saudi Arabia	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihiyya)	Successful completion with a grade of 60% or more in all subjects.	Successful completion with a grade of 50% or more in all subjects.
Sierra Leone	West African Senior School Certificate	5 modules with grades of C6 or better (to normally include Maths and English)	5 modules with grades of E8 or better (to normally include Maths and English)
Singapore	GCE O Level	CCCC	DDDEE
South Korea	High School Diploma	Average ranked grade of 1-6 across all subjects.	Average ranked grade of 1-7 across all subjects.
	High School Graduation Equivalency Examination	Overall average of 60% or more (with 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Overall average of 50% or more (with 50% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan O Levels	5 modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English).	4 modules with grades of DDDD (to normally include Maths and English).
Sudan	Sudan School Certificate	Successful completion with grades of 60% (C) or more in all subjects.	Successful completion with grades of 50% (C) or more in all subjects.
Swazi	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC)	Successful completion with grades of 6 or more in all subjects.	Successful completion with grades of D or more in all subjects.
Switzerland	Slutbetyg Fr n Gynasieskola (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Successful completion with a grade D or better in all subjects	Successful completion with a grade E or better in all subjects
Sweden	Slutbetyg Fr n Gynasieskola (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Grade D or better in all subjects.	Grade E or better in all subjects.
Syria	General Secondary Certificate (Al Shah da al-Th nawiyya almma)	Overall average grade of 60% (with a grade of 60% or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Overall average grade of 40% (with a grade of 40% or more in Maths, and English if studied)
Taiwan	Senior High School Year 3 (Year 12)	Successful completion with an average mark of 60% or above.	Successful completion with an average mark of 50% or above.
Tanzania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Successful completion of five modules with grades of CCCCC (to normally include Maths and English)	Successful completion of five modules with grades of DDDDD (to normally include Maths and English)
Thailand	Certificate of Secondary Education / MAW 6	Successful completion of with an overall grade of 2 or more in all subjects.	Overall grade of 1 or more in all subjects.

Trinidad and Tobago	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Grades of 3 or more in all subjects.	Grades of 4 or more in all subjects.
Turks and Caicos	Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate	Grades of 3 or more in all subjects.	Grades of 4 or more in all subjects.
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education	Grades of 6 or better in at least 5 subjects	Grades of 8 or better in at least 5 subjects
Ukraine	Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education	Successful completion with grades of 6 or better (on a 12 point scale) in at least 4 subjects.	Successful completion with grades of 4 or better (on a 12 point scale) in at least 4 subjects.
United States of America	High School Graduate Diploma	Successful completion and award of the Diploma. This includes students who are studying in a US school system overseas. Such students would not normally be required to provide evidence of English language level. Note that if the student has completed SATS I plus either SATS II or APs they may be eligible to enter the International Year One. Successful completion with minimum final GPA of 2.0 or 70% Plus – SATS I combined score of minimum 1200. Or – 3 SAT Subject Tests with minimum score of 600	Successful completion with minimum final GPA of 1.0 or 60%
	High School Graduation Diploma	Minimum final GPA of 2.0 or 70% Plus – SATS I combined score of minimum 1200 Or – 3 SAT Subject Tests with minimum score of 600	Minimum final GPA of 2.0 or 70% Plus – SATS I combined score of minimum 1000 Or – 3 SAT Subject Tests with minimum score of 600
Venezuela	Bachillerato	Successful completion with an average grade of 13/20 (with a grade of 13 or more in Maths, and English if studied)	Successful completion with an average grade of 10/20 (with a grade of 10 or more in Maths, and English if studied)

Vietnam	Upper Secondary School Graduate Diploma (Year 11)	Successful completion with an average of 7.0 or more (with at least 7.0 in Maths and English) Students entering via this route may have limited progression options.	Successful completion with an average of 5.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and English) Students entering via this route may have limited progression options.
	Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Year 12)	Successful completion with an overall average of 7.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and English).	Successful completion with an overall average of 5.0 or more (with at least 5.0 in Maths and 7.0 in English).
Zambia	General Certificate of Education	Grades of 6 or better in at least 5 subjects	Grades of 8 or better in at least 5 subjects
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education	5 modules with grades of CCCCC	DDDEE