

This guide details the entry requirements for students from the **China** region applying to study the NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY).

Age Requirements

Applicants must normally be 17 years at the start of the IFY.

General Academic Requirements from Local Examinations

Students must normally have successfully completed 12 years of school education. Students with only 11 years of education will normally be NSE, the exceptions being Vietnam, China and Hong Kong (see separate entries below).

Minimum Academic Requirements from Internationally Recognised Examinations

Students who have completed the International Baccalaureate with a minimum 22 points may be accepted. Note that students with 24 points or more are eligible for entry to the NCUK IFY. Students who have studied UK GCSE, IGCSE or O-level will need to be approved via the NSE route before they can be accepted, the exception being students who achieve a minimum of 5 subjects at AAABB including Maths and English. Note that such students may have slightly limited university options following the IFY. Students who have a minimum of an E grade at UK A2 level or 2 x E Grades at UK AS Level may be accepted; such students may have slightly limited university options.

English language requirements will also be higher (see page 2).



Country	Required grades for IFY entry
China	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. Passes in Chinese language and Chinese politics are not essential for entry to the IFY.
	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. Passes in Chinese language and Chinese politics are not essential for entry to the IFY.
	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. Passes in Chinese language and Chinese politics are not essential for entry to the IFY.
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) - Minimum grades of 3,2,2 in relevant subjects (Liberal Studies may be included in these grades). Completion of Form 5 should be submitted as NSE.
Macau	Successful completion of iGCSE or O Levels with five at grade B or better in relevant subjects.
	Successful completion of Ensino Secundário Complementa
Taiwan	Successful completion of Senior High School Year 2 at acceptable grades (70% or above). Note that such students may have limited progression opportunities.
	Successful completion of High School Certificate at acceptable grades (60% or above).

English Language Requirements

Below are the English Language entry requirements for NCUK Programmes. NCUK accepts a variety of qualifications for progression onto its programmes and you can use these tables to determine if your qualifications match NCUK's requirements.

The minimum accepted English Language grades for our programmes are displayed in the table.

Note that we do not stipulate minimum component requirements for those qualifications which are broken down into reading, writing, speaking and listening (IELTS, TOEFL etc.).

EAP	%	NCUK Entry Requirements	Password	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	PTE	CEFR
				9.0			C2
				8.5			C2
			Password Plus	8.0			C1
A*	80%+		Password Plus	7.5			C1
A	70–79%		Password Plus	7.0			C1
B	60–69%		Password Plus	6.5			B2
C	50–59%		Password 6.0	6.0			B2
D	40–49%	NCUK International Year One Pre Masters Programme Route B Pre Masters Programme Route C	Password 5.5	5.5	72	51	B2
E	35–39%	NCUK International Foundation Year Pre Masters Programme Route A	Password 5.0	5.0	62	46	B1
U	<35%		Password 4.5	4.5			B1
			Password 4.0	4.0			B1
			Password 3.5	3.5			A2

Minimum Scores					
Qualification	Password	IELTS	TOEFL	PTE Academic	NCUK EAP
International Foundation Year	5.0	5.0	62	46	E (no skill less than a E)
International Year One	5.5	5.5	72	51	D (no skill less than a D)
Pre Masters Programme Route A	5.0	5.0	62	46	E (no skill less than a E)
Pre Masters Programme Route B	5.5	5.5	72	51	D (no skill less than a D)
Pre Masters Programme Route C	5.5	5.5	72	51	D (no skill less than a D)

A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a grey and black patterned cardigan over a black top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

“I am really enjoying the tutorials and the workshops on my degree programme in the UK – it’s very different from studying in my home country but my NCUK qualification prepared me well.”

YANGYI ZHOU

China

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