

This guide details the entry requirements for students from the **Middle East** 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
Bahrain	Successful completion of the General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama) with marks of 60% or more in relevant subjects.
Egypt	Successful completion of Certificate of General Secondary Education.
Iran	Successful completion of High School Diploma with a grade of 10 or more in at least four modules.
Iraq	Successful completion of Certificate of Preparatory Education / Sixth Form Baccalaureat with marks of over 50% in relevant subjects.
Jordan	Successful completion of Certificate of General Secondary Education (Tawjihi) with marks of 50% in all relevant subjects.
Kuwait	Successful completion of Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama with grades of 60% or better in all relevant subjects.
Lebanon	Successful completion of Baccalaureat General with grades of 10 or better in all relevant subjects.
	Successful completion of Baccalaureat Technique with grades of 10 or better in all relevant subjects.
Oman	Successful completion of General Secondary Education (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama) with grades of 80% (B+) or better in all relevant subjects.
Palestine	Successful completion of General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama).
Qatar	Successful completion of the General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama).
Saudi Arabia	Successful completion of General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihiyya) with four passes (over 50%) in all relevant subjects.
Turkey	Successful completion of State High School Diploma (Devlet Lise Diploması) with an overall grade of 2 (or 45%) or better in all relevant subjects.
United Arab Emirates	Successful completion of General Secondary Education Certificate Examination (Tawjihiyya) with four passes (over 60%) in all relevant subjects.

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

Qualification	Minimum Scores				
	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)

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