

Helping S2 and S3 pupils make informed subject choices

Students need to have four Highers by the end of S5¹ to meet the standard entry requirements for most degrees at the University of Aberdeen.² This information sheet outlines which SQA National 5 and Higher subjects are specific requirements for different degrees. For further information and a complete list of degrees with all entry requirements, please see www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate.

A full list of SQA Higher subjects considered Humanities or Sciences is listed overleaf.

Please note: this information applies to admission for the University of Aberdeen only.

I am considering studying this degree subject University of Aberdeen	The following National 5 subject(s) will be required as part of the entry qualifications	The following Higher subject(s) will be required as part of the entry qualifications
MA Arts & Social Sciences degrees (<i>all except those specified below</i>)	English (min C grade)	No specific requirements (<i>except as listed below</i>)
MA Mathematics	English (min C grade)	Maths
MA Accounting, Finance or Economics	English and Maths or Applications of Maths (min C grade)	No specific requirements
MA Primary Education	Maths or Applications of Maths (min C grade)	English (min B grade)
BMus (Music)	No specific requirements	Minimum of four Highers in distinct disciplines. Music at Higher preferred. Audition required.
BMus (Music Education)	Maths or Applications of Maths (min C grade)	Minimum of four Highers in four distinct disciplines. Music at Higher preferred. English (min C grade). Audition required. Must have competence on piano.

¹ In at least one of the Senior Phase years (S4, S5 or S6) there is an expectation that a minimum of three Highers or Advanced Higher subjects are studied and presented for examinations - this is to ensure that students are prepared for the academic rigour they will find at university.

² The University recognises that there may be circumstances where a "contextualised" admissions approach is more appropriate for particular students. Please see the Widening Access information sheet for further information.

Engineering (<i>all except those specified below</i>)	English (min C grade)	Maths and Physics or Engineering Science
Engineering (Chemical or Petroleum Engineering)	English (min C grade)	Maths, Chemistry and Physics or Engineering Science
Law	English (min C grade)	English (desirable)
Medicine	English, Maths (min B grade)	Chemistry plus 2 from: (Biology, Human Biology, Maths, Physics) and 2 others of choice
BSc degrees (<i>all except those specified below</i>)	English, Maths and either Chemistry or Physics (min C grade)	2 Science subjects
BSc Chemistry	English, Maths and either Chemistry or Physics (min C grade)	Chemistry and one other Science subject
BSc Physics	English, Maths and either Chemistry or Physics (min C grade)	Physics and Maths
BSc Biomedical Sciences	English, Maths and either Chemistry or Biology (min C grade)	Chemistry and one other Science subject; Biology preferred
BSc Mathematics	English, Maths and either Chemistry or Physics (min C grade)	Maths and one other Science subject

A Foundation Apprenticeship will normally be considered in lieu of one SQA Higher at Grade **A** across a range of degree programmes. Any specific Higher subject requirements must still be met.

****The University of Aberdeen considers the following SQA Higher subjects as “Humanities”:*** Arts & Design, Business Management, Cantonese, Chinese Language and Culture, Classical Greek, Classical Studies, Drama, Economics, English, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), French, Gaelic, Geography, German, History, Italian, Latin, Mandarin, Media Studies, Modern Studies, Music, Philosophy, Religious Education, Religious Moral and Philosophical Studies, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, Urdu.

****The University of Aberdeen considers the following SQA Higher subjects as “Sciences”:*** Applications of Mathematics, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computing Studies, Engineering Science, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Human Biology, Information Systems, Managing Environmental Resources, Mathematics, Mathematics of Mechanics, Physics, Psychology, Statistics. (**Note:** Higher Applications of Mathematics is acceptable as a Mathematics subject for entry purposes, **except** where Higher Mathematics is explicitly required.)