

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 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 subject(s) will be required as part of the entry qualifications
MA Arts & Social Sciences degrees (<i>all except those specified below</i>)/MSci Counselling, Psychology and Education/ MBus International Relations BD, BTh, MA Theology & Religion	No specific requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MA Modern Languages and Translation & Interpreting Studies requires one Higher in either French, Spanish or German. - MA Accountancy, Economics and Finance will require a Nat 5 Maths or Applications of Maths at C or above
MA Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher Maths
MA Primary Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English at Higher (minimum C grade) - National 5 Maths or Applications of Maths (minimum C grade) - Interview
BMus (Music)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Music at Higher preferred. - Candidates should have Grade VIII Associated Board or equivalent in main instrument/voice - Audition required.
BMus (Music Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of four Highers in four distinct disciplines. - Higher English (min C grade) required - Nat 5 Maths or Applications of Maths (minimum grade C) - Music at Higher preferred - 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.

MChem, MSci/MEng Comp Sci	<p><u>For MChem</u> – Higher Chemistry and another Higher Mathematics/Science subject.</p> <p><u>For MSci</u> - Highers from two Science or Mathematics subjects.</p> <p><u>For MEng Computing Science:</u> Highers from Mathematics plus another Mathematics/Science subject</p>
Beng/MEng Engineering (<i>all except those specified below</i>)	- Higher Mathematics and Higher Physics or Higher Engineering Science
Beng/MEng Engineering (Chemical or Petroleum Engineering)	- Higher Mathematics, Higher Chemistry and Higher Physics or Higher Engineering Science
Law	- Higher English (desirable)
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher Chemistry plus two Highers from Biology/Human Biology, Maths, Physics and two other Highers of choice - UCAT - Interview for shortlisted applicants
BSc degrees (<i>all except those specified below</i>)	- Two Mathematics or Science subjects at Higher
BSc Chemistry	- Higher Chemistry and one other Maths/Science subject at Higher
BSc Physics degrees	- Higher Physics and Higher Mathematics
BSc Biomedical Sciences	- Two Science/Mathematics subjects at Higher; Biology preferred
BSc Mathematics	- Higher Mathematics and one other Science subject at Higher

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.)*