

3. UCAS tariff points system

What is the UCAS tariff?

It's the conversion of further education qualifications such as AS and A-levels, VCEs, BTECs and OCRs etc, into one points system that universities can use to evaluate applications and make conditional offers.

How does it work?

Each qualification and grade is worth a number of points. All grades and qualifications are added together to give a total tariff point score.

Do all universities use tariff points to make offers?

No. Some universities still use typical offers for entry and some subjects require qualifications in particular subjects. For example, a mathematics degree may require applicants to have a B grade at A-level mathematics.

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Qualification	Grade	Points	Qualification	Grade	Points
AS level GCE and VCE 3 unit award	A	= 60	BTEC award/ OCR certificate	D	= 120
	B	= 50		M	= 80
	C	= 40		P	= 40
	D	= 30			
	E	= 20			
A-level GCE and VCE 6 unit award	A	= 120	BTEC certificate/OCR diploma	DD/D	= 240
	B	= 100		DM/M1	= 200
	C	= 80		MM/M2 and P1	= 160
	D	= 60		MP/P2	= 120
	E	= 40		PP/P3	= 80
VCE double award 12 unit	AA	= 240	BTEC diploma/OCR extended diploma	DDD/D1	= 360
	AB	= 220		DDM/D2 and M1	= 320
	BB	= 200		DMM/M2	= 280
	BC	= 180		MMM/M3	= 240
	CC	= 160		MMP/P1	= 200
	CD	= 140		MPP/P2	= 160
	DD	= 120		PPP/P3	= 120
	DE	= 100			
	EE	= 80			

Subject-specific tariff points

The following qualifications have separate UCAS tariff point scores:

- BTEC National in Early Years
- Cache Diploma in Child Care and Education
- Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art and Design)
- Music examinations
- Advanced Extension Awards

You can find tariff point scores for these qualifications on the UCAS website: www.ucas.com/candq/tariff/index.html.

Do all further education qualifications have a tariff score?

No. You can find out which other qualifications have a tariff score and which are due to be added in the future on the UCAS website (as above).

Use the tariff calculator to work out your UCAS tariff point score: www.ucas.com/info.