



### **Advanced Level (A Level)**

#### **What are A Levels?**

A levels are studied typically between the ages of 16-18 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, although mature students are also encouraged. They remain the most popular route into UK higher education institutions.

#### **How many subjects do I take?**

To gain entry to a top UK university you'll need 3 or 4 good A Level grades, although if you're exceptionally talented you can take 5 subjects.

#### **What subjects can I study?**

There is a broad range of A levels for you to choose from, including Business, Science, Arts and Humanities subjects. I encourage you to study the subjects you'll enjoy. However, consider what you will need to study if you have a specific career in mind.

#### **What do A Levels consist of?**

Each A Level consists of 6 units which are studied in two stages:

Stage 1 – Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level: You'll study 3 modules and upon completion you'll be awarded an AS Level.

Stage 2 – A2 level: You'll study the second set of 3 units which will take your AS level to a full A Level.

Please note: When you have completed the A2 Level, your AS Level grade is transferred to one A Level grade. If you decide not to continue to A2 Level, you can keep your AS Level grade. This can still be used as part of your application to university.

#### **What do my grades mean?**

For each A Level subject you take, you'll receive a grade from A–E. The entrance requirements for the university courses you'll apply for will be expressed as either:

Grades: AAB, BCC or CCC for example.

A UCAS Tariff score: 360, 300 or 280 for example.

You can translate your predicted A Level and AS Level grades into UCAS tariff points as follows.



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## A Levels

Grade	Points
A	120
B	100
C	80
D	60
E	40

## AS Levels

Grade	Points
A	60
B	50
C	40
D	30
E	20

Many companies will also evaluate your application for a job on the basis of your A Level grades, as well as your degree.

### What else will I gain from taking A Levels?

In addition to academic study, the aim of A Level study is to develop important competences: Independent thinking, study skills, team working, research and analysis. It will also help you to decide what you would like to study at degree level.

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