

# International Academic Entry Requirements

## Academic Entry Criteria

Each individual course at The Gordon Institute of TAFE has academic entry criteria that students must meet to be eligible for enrolment in that course. Please check the entry criteria for your individual course International Course Home Page, but in general, the minimum academic entry is:

- Certificate III course – satisfactory completion of Year 10 or equivalent
- Certificate IV course – satisfactory completion of Year 11 or equivalent
- Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas and Associate Degree courses
  - satisfactory completion of Year 12 or equivalent

Most Foundation Studies Programs, particularly those offered by Australian Universities, are deemed equivalent to Year 12.

Bangladeshi, Indian, Nepalese and Pakistan students need satisfactory completion of Year 12 or overseas equivalent at 60% in the top 4 subjects (excluding native language) for all courses (ie Cert III, Cert IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Associate Degree) if student has needed to re-sit for their exam provide all exam results.

\* Not accepting Punjab State Board or Haryana State Board HS results only – need to present a Central Board result exam or a higher qualification.

## Additional Academic Entry Criteria

Some courses may require additional entry criteria. For example, a portfolio or audition for Arts courses, or an aptitude or skills test for Health courses. See the International Course Home Page for specific entry details.

Students must be 18 years or over prior to commencement date of studies at The Gordon Institute of TAFE. Mature age students (21 years or over) may also be assessed by the relevant Program Manager for entry on a case-case basis (by providing a Resume/CV highlight relevant work experience).

## English language requirements

Students must meet the English language entry score of the particular course of interest. For most Advanced Diploma, Diploma and Certificate courses students are required to have an equivalent to the minimum IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) score of 5.5 overall (academic) with no band/sub score under 5.0. There are some courses which require a different score. Please check your individual course requirements via the International Course Home Page.

### Year 12 Overseas Equivalent

Some qualifications at The Gordon require you to have completed your schooling to the overseas equivalent of Year 12. The table on the next page explains what the overseas equivalent to Year 12 is.

Note: Satisfactory results must be achieved (e.g. 50% minimum average in all courses)

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## Overseas qualification equivalents

Equivalent to Australian year 10 or 11		Equivalent to Australian year 12
Australia		Australian Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificate of Education – satisfactory completion
Argentina	Education Polimodal (General Education or Integrated technical education) / General or bachillerato school/technical and specialised school (Completion of Year 10 or Year 11)	Bachillerato/Tecnico de Nivel Medio/BachilleratoEspecializado
Bangladesh	Secondary School Certificate – pass (DIBP requires completion of Year 11)	Higher Secondary Certificate/vocational higher secondary certificate (Minimum CGPA is 3.5 or 60% in HSC/First Division pass) GCE A-Level (2 passes)
Bhutan	Bhutan Middle Secondary School Certificate	Bhutan Higher Secondary School Certificate or Middle Secondary School Certificate plus 2 year relevant vocational diploma
Brazil	Certificado de Ensino Medio (Year 10 or Year 11 equivalent)	Certificado /diploma de Ensino Medio (Year 12 equivalent)
Brunei	GCE O-Levels with 4 passes	Brunei Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (Brunei-Cambridge A level) – 2 passes
Cambodia	DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	Diploma of Upper Secondary Education/Baccalaurate
Canada	Successful completion of Grade 11	High School Diploma
Chile	Educacion Media (Year 10 or Year 11 equivalent)	Licencia de Educación Media (Certificate of Secondary Education Certificate) Tecnico-Profesional or Tecnico
China	Senior Middle 2 (DIBP requires completion of Year 11)	General Senior Secondary Unified Graduation (Certificate of Graduation)
Columbia	Bachillerato Upper Secondary Schooling (Year 11 equivalent) (DIBP requires completion of Year 11)	Bachillerato (Secondary School Certificate)
Cuba	Secundari Basica/Basic Secondary (Completion of Year 11)	Diploma de Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras/Título de Bachiller (nivel medio superior de la Education General Politecnica Laboral) - Certificado de Fin de Estudios Secundarias/TécnicoMedio/Maestro Primario, etc. (Certificado de Fin de Estudios Secundarias)
Czech Republic		Maturita (Matriculation Certificate)/School Leaving Certificate
Denmark		Studentereksamensbevis (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
Egypt		General Secondary Education Certificate, Al-AzharSecondary Education Certificate, Technical Secondary Education Certificate, Commercial Secondary Certificate or the Agriculture Secondary Certificate
Fiji & other South Pacific Nations	Fiji only	Fiji only
	Form 6 School Leaving Certificate DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	Fiji Form 7 Examination/ Fiji School Leaving Certificate (FSLC)

Equivalent to Australian year 10 or 11		Equivalent to Australian year 12
Finland		Ylioppilastutkintodistustus (Certificate of Matriculation) Secondary School Leaving Certificate
France	Brevet fundamentals	Baccalaureat/ Brevet professionnelles
Germany	Realshule or Hauptschule	Achgebundene Hochschulreife/Fachgebundene Hochschulreife (Leaving Certificate) or Zeugnis der Reife or Reifezeugnis or Abitur or Fachhochschulreife
Ghana	West African School Certificate or GCE O Levels with passes in 3 subjects with a minimum E grade	Successful completion of Senior Secondary School Certificate/West African School Certificate AND a minimum of 2 passes (minimum E grade) at the GCE A level.  <b>Note:</b> Assessment for a waiver of the GCE A level requirement may be made on a case-by-case basis and will be based in academic merit. Students with a C average and above may be considered without the A level requirement
Greece		Apolytirio Lykeiou (Leaving certificate)
Hong Kong	Secondary 4 or Secondary 5 or Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) or Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE)
Hungary		Gimnaziumi Erettsegi Bizonyitvány, / Gymnasium Maturity Certificate
India	All Indian Secondary School Certificate, Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE SX) Secondary Certification, GCE O-Levels (4 passes) DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	All India Senior School Certificate or Indian School Certificate or Certificate of Vocational Education or Senior Secondary Certificate or State Boards of Secondary/Senior Secondary Education certificates, GCE A-Levels (2 passes)
Indonesia	Secondary School:SMU 3 or SMK 3	Certificate of Completion of Senior Secondary Education (Ijazah/STTB SMA/STTB SMK) or Certificate of Graduation (SKHUN)
Ireland	GCE O-Levels (4 passes)	Leaving Certificate/GCE A Levels (2 passes)
Israel		Teudat Bagrut (High School Certificate)
Italy	Diploma di scuola secondaria di primo grado	Diploma di Superamento dell'Esame di Stato conclusivo dei Corsi di Istruzione Secondaria Superiore (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) or Diploma of State Examination
Japan	Completion of Kotogakko Year 1 Lower Secondary Leaving Certificate	Upper Secondary School Certificate of Graduation (Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shosho)
Jordan		Twajihi (General Secondary Education Certificate)
Kenya	GCE O-Levels (4 passes) DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or GCE A level – 2 passes
Lebanon	1st year completion of General Secondary School/ Technical Secondary School DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	Baccalaureat Libanaise (Baccalaureat 2) or Baccalaureat Technique/ Technicien or Certificat Professionnel/ de Maîtrise/Technicien

Equivalent to Australian year 10 or 11		Equivalent to Australian year 12
Macau	GSE O-Levels (4 passes), Senior Secondary School Diploma (Year 11) or Form 5	Senior Secondary School Diploma Year 12, or GCE A Level – 2 passes, or Form 6
Malaysia	SPM or GCE O-Levels (4 passes) or Senior Middle 2	STPM Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or GCE A Levels – 2 passes, UEC
Mauritius	GCE O-levels (4 subject passes)	GCE A-level – 2 passes
Mexico	Certificado de Educacion Secundaria (Certificate of Secondary Education)	2-3 year Preparatoria or Bachillerato program
Myanmar	Matriculation/Basic Education High School (BEHS) (Completion of Year 10 or Year 11) 45% or higher or GCE O – Level (4 subject passes) (DIBP requires completion of Year 11)	Matriculation/Basic Education High School (BEHS) plus minimum completed 2 years at Professional College or Secondary Technical College or GCE A- Level (2 subject passes) or A level (1 A and 2 AS level passes)
Nepal	Completion of Higher Secondary Education Board Certificate, DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	Higher Secondary Education Board Certificate (Grade 12)
New Zealand		National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) – Level 3, minimum 60 credits
Netherlands		Vorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (Diploma VWO) or Hoger algemeen voortgezet onderwijs Diploma HAVO)
Nigeria	Senior Secondary School (WAEC/NECO) examinations – pass grade, GCE O-Levels (4 subject passes)	Senior Secondary School (WAEC/NECO) examinations (5 subjects passes C grade average) GCE A Levels (2 passes)
Norway		Vitnemal fra den videregående skolen (Certificate from upper secondary school)
Oman		School Leaving Certificate
Pakistan	Secondary School Certificate DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	Higher Secondary School Certificate/Intermediate Certificate
Papua New Guinea		Higher School Certificate
Peru	Secundaria / Education Secundaria(Completion of Year 11)	Certificado de Educación Secundaria Común Completa(Secondary Common Education Graduation Certificate) plus a Technical Diploma or entrance to University
Philippines	High School Diploma or National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) + one year of Bachelor Degree (DIBP requires completion of Year 11)	High School Diploma or a Certificate of Graduation + two years of bachelor degree
Poland		Matura Swiadectwo Dojrzalosci LiceumOgolnoksztalcacego (Certificate of Matriculation of the General Lyceum)
Portugal		Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundarios or Diploma de 12 Ano de Escolaridad (Secondary Certificate)
Russia		Attestat o Srednem (polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii(Certificate of Secondary (Complete) General Education)

Equivalent to Australian year 10 or 11		Equivalent to Australian year 12
Saudi Arabia		Shahadat al-thanawiyyah al-'aama or shahadat al-marhalat al-thanawiyyat (General Secondary Education Certificate) Form 7 or University Foundation Year
Singapore	GCE O-Levels (4 subject passes)	GCE A-levels - 2 passes
Slovakia		Maturitni Vysvedceni/Maturitnej Vysvedcenie(Matriculation Certificate)
Slovenia		Spričevalo o poklicni mature or Spričevalo o poklicnimature or Svidetelstov zo položen zavresen
South Africa	National Senior Certificate / Senior Certificate Year 11/10	National Senior Certificate (Year12) Senior Certificate (Year 12) GCE A-Levels 2 Passes, International Baccalaureate Diploma
South Korea	Completion of Senior High School Grade 1 or equivalent	General/Academic Senior High School Certificate/Diploma (Immumgye Kodung Hakkyo Choeupchang
Spain		Titulo de Bachiller
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan GCE O-Levels (4 subject passes) DIBP requires completion of Year 11 for student visa	GCE A-levels - 2 passes
Sweden		Slutbetyg Från Gymnasieskola
Switzerland		Federal Maturity Certificate / Maturitätszeugnis, Certificatde Maturité / Attestato di Maturità
Taiwan	Senior High School (1st or 2nd Year)	Senior High School Diploma or Senior Vocational School Diploma
Thailand	Upper Secondary School (Matayom 5/ Matayom 4)	Matayom 6 or MS 6. (Certificate of Secondary Education)
Turkey		Lise Diplomasi (Secondary School Diploma) Technical or Vocational School Diploma (Teknik or Meslek Lise Diplomasi)
United Arab Emirates		Tawjihhiyya or Thanawiyya Al-A'ama (General Secondary Certificate), Technical Secondary School Certificate, Commercial Secondary School Certificate or Certificate from an Agriculture Institute
UK	GCE O-Levels (4 subject passes)	GCE A-Levels (2 subject passes)
Venezuela	Educacion Media (10 years of secondary schooling minimum)	Educacion Media - Academic or Tecnico (Medio), Bachillor
Vietnam	Upper Secondary schooling (Year 10 or 11 equivalent) (DIBP requires completion of Year 11)	Bang Tot nghiep Trung hoc Pho thong (Upper Secondary Education Graduation Diploma)
Zambia	ZSC Year 12 (4 passes) GCE O Levels (4 passes)	ZSC Year 12 (5 subject passes C grade or better) GCE A-Levels (2 subject passes) or A-levels 1 A and 2 AS level passes or Diploma in relevant area (1 year minimum)
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education (ZGCE) GSE O-Levels (4 subject passes)	Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Advanced Levels (A Levels)- 2 passes, or International Baccalaureate Diploma