

## Subject requirements for studying AS levels

1. A minimum of score of 5 from 7 GCSEs to include English, Maths, and science along with four other GCSE grades or equivalent (not including short courses or citizenship).
2. Specific grades for certain subjects (see over page)

To calculate your average GCSE points score you need to add your qualification points together and divide by the number of GCSEs you have taken. English and Maths qualifications receive scores to be used in the calculation; other GCSEs need to have grades converted to a score using the table opposite. Short courses are not included in the average GCSEs calculation and BTEC Level 2 Certificates and OCR National Certificates are given one grade as follows:

- Distinction - A
- Merit - B
- Pass - C

GCSE grade	Points
A*	8
A	7
B	6
C	5
D	4
E	3
F	2
G	1

For example, if you achieved the results in the grid below, your average points score would be 5.1, meeting the first target for eligibility to study A-levels at Harlow College

Subject	Score	Grade	Points
GCSE English	5		5
GCSE English Literature	4		4
GCSE Maths	5		5
GCSE Science		B	6
GCSE Additional Science		C	5
GCSE French		B	6
GCSE Psychology		C	5
GCSE Geography - not counted as 7 better grades		C	
OCR National Certificate ICT Level 2 - not counted as 7 better grades		Pass	
			<b>Total = 36</b>
			$36 \div 7$ (the number of subjects counted) = <b>5.1</b>

Work out your average point score below.

Subject	Score	Grade	Points
GCSE English (Language or Literature)			
GCSE Maths			
GCSE Science			
			<b>Total =</b>
			<b>Total <math>\div</math> 7</b> (the number of subjects counted) =

	<b>Specific subject requirements</b>
<b>Art</b>	GCSE Art at grade B or above <i>You may be asked to produce examples of your work</i>
<b>Biology</b>	GCSE Core <b>and</b> Additional Science at grade B or above and GCSE Maths at score 5 or above. If doing triple science, Biology and one other science at grade B or above and GCSE Maths at score 5 or above
<b>Business Studies</b>	GCSE Maths & English at a score 5 or above
<b>Chemistry</b>	GCSE Core <b>and</b> Additional Science at grade B or above and GCSE Maths at score 6 or above. If doing triple science, Chemistry and one other science at grade B or above and GCSE Maths at score 6 or above
<b>Computer Science</b>	GCSE Maths score 6 and Computer Science or ICT at grade B or above
<b>English Language</b>	GCSE English Language at score 5 or above
<b>English Literature</b>	GCSE English Literature at score 5 or above
<b>French and German</b>	Grade B or above in the language to be studied
<b>Geography</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 or above; GCSE Geography at grade B or above preferred. <i>It is not essential to have studied Geography to GCSE.</i>
<b>Government &amp; Politics</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 and above
<b>History</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 or above; GCSE History at grade B or above preferred. <i>It is not essential to have studied History to GCSE.</i>
<b>Law (A Level or BTEC Subsidiary Diploma)</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 and above preferred
<b>Mathematics and Further Mathematics</b>	GCSE Maths at score 7 or above and a pass in an entrance assessment.
<b>Media Studies</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 and above
<b>Photography</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 or above and Grade C or above in a GCSE art-based subject preferred <i>You may be asked to produce examples of your work</i>
<b>Physics (students must also study AS Maths or an alternate Level 3 core maths course)</b>	GCSE Core <b>and</b> Additional Science at grade B or above and GCSE Maths at score 7 or above. If doing triple science, Physics and one other science at grade B or above and GCSE Maths at score 7 or above
<b>Psychology</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5. Maths at score 5 <i>or</i> a Science at grade B or above preferred
<b>Sociology</b>	GCSE English Language or English Literature at score 5 and above

**If an individual subject fails to recruit sufficient students it may not run.  
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