What academic qualifications do I need to get admission to Foundation Year?

Foundation Year is designed to meet your need to gain entry to university.

To be admitted to university, you must have met the:

* English language requirements for admission and
* Academic qualifications for admission

The table below shows the minimum academic qualifications you need to be eligible to apply for a place in the University of Otago Foundation Year.

Entry Requirements to University of Otago Foundation Year

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| **Country** | **Qualification** | **Minimum Standard** |
| **International Qualifications** | GCE O-Levels | 2 B and 2 C grades or equivalent Aggregate |
|  | International Baccalaureate | 21 in 6 subjects (average 3.5 on 1-7 scale) |
| **Australia** | NSW Higher School Certificate or equivalent | TER 50 |
|  | Year 11 or equivalent | Superior grades |
| **Brazil** | Certificado de Conclusao de 2 Grau | Superior pass |
|  | Secondary Year 11 | Superior pass |
| **Chile** | Licencia de Educaion Media | Good pass |
|  | Grades 1-4 in Senior Secondary School | Good pass |
| **China** | (Senior 3) Year 12 | 70% |
|  | (Senior 2) Year 11 completed | 80% |
| **Fiji** | School Leaving Certificate Form 6 | 65% in 4 subjects |
| **Hong Kong** | HKCEE  HKDSE  Form 5 | 2 C & 2 D grades or equivalent  Score of 11 points over 5 best subjects  Form 5 school based assessment considered |
| **India** | All India Senior School Certificate | Grade C2 in 4 subjects |
|  | Indian School Certificate | Second division pass |
|  | Higher School Certificate +2 | Good second division pass |
| **Indonesia** | SMU 3 | 70% |
|  | SMU 2 | 80% |
| **Japan** | General Upper Secondary School Year 3 | Grade 3 average |
|  | General Upper Secondary School Year 2 | Superior grades |
| **Jordan** | General Secondary Education Certificate | 75% average overall |
| **Korea** | Senior High School Year 3 | Grade C |
|  | Senior High School Year 2 | Superior grades |
| **Malaysia** | SPM (or Forecast) | Grade 4 average over 5 subjects |
|  | UEC | Grade 6 average over 5 subjects |
| **New Zealand** | NCEA Level 2/3  Sixth Form/Bursary | Applications assessed on a case-by-case basis. |
| **Oman** | Secondary School Leaving Certificate | 75% overall |
| **Papua** | New Guinea Higher School Certificate | Grade B in 5 subjects |
| **Russia** | Certificate Secondary Education | Grade 4 average |
| **Taiwan** | Senior High School Year 3 | Grade B |
|  | Senior High School Year 2 | Superior grades |
| **Thailand** | Matayom 6 | Grade 2.5 academic or Grade 3 vocational |
|  | Matayom 5 | Superior grades |
| **Vietnam** | Completion of High School | GPA 6 |

* When admissions receive your application, they look at the academic subjects you have studied
* The minimum entry requirement is usually an average grade in academic subjects with a minimum grade in mathematics.
* Mathematics is important if you want to study Health Sciences, Science or Commerce at undergraduate level at university
* Forecast results are accepted where appropriate

Other Countries

Entrance requirements are available for other countries by enquiring with the Admissions Officer:

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Email [uolcfy.admissions@otago.ac.nz](mailto:uolcfy.admissions@otago.ac.nz)

**Qualification**

Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) – acceptable at grades 1-6 in lieu of GCSE grades A-C

Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) -- acceptable at grades 1-6 in lieu of Scottish Highers

Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) -- acceptable at grades A-C in lieu of GCE A’Level

**Grading System for SPM**

A+           18           Distinction

A             16           Distinction

A-            14           Distinction

B+           12           Credit

B              10           Credit

C+           8              Credit

C              6              Credit

D             4              Pass

E              2              Pass

F              0              Fail

**Grading System for UEC**

A1           85-100   Distinction

A2           80-84     Distinction

B3           75-79     Credit

B4           70-74     Credit

B5           65-69     Credit

B6           60-64     Credit

C7           55-59     Pass

C8           50-54     Pass

C9           0-49        Fail

**Minimum Requirement for direct entry to Foundation Year**

SPM

Average of B in 5 relevant subjects

Grade B in Maths and 1 Science subject for Science streams

Grade C+ in Maths for Commerce stream

UEC

Average of B4 in 5 relevant subjects

Grade B4 in Maths and 1 Science subject for Science streams

Grade B5 in Maths for Commerce stream

**Minimum Requirement for BP**

SPM

Average of C+ in 5 relevant subjects

Grade B in Maths and 1 Science subject for Science streams

Grade C+ in Maths for Commerce stream

UEC

Average of B5 in 5 relevant subjects

Grade B4 in Maths and 1 Science subject for Science streams

Grade B5 in Maths for Commerce stream