



Subject Choices2022

How to choose your subjects

- The following age groups are recommended:**
 - *Cambridge Lower Secondary 1 for 11 – 14 years:* Cambridge Checkpoint (Gr 7 – 9)
 - *Cambridge Upper Secondary 2 for 14 - 16 years:* Cambridge IGCSE (Grade 10 -11)
 - *Cambridge Advanced for 16 -19 years:* Cambridge International A and AS Level (Grade 12-13)
- Ensure that your subject choices adhere to the Universities South Africa requirements for exemption on page 4 if you want to apply to study at a university.
- To ensure that you will be able to apply to university, choose your subjects from the correct groups as shown on page 4, meet the Faculty's minimum requirements for your field of study as shown in the prospectus of the different universities and achieve the correct grades.
- A second language (i.e., Afrikaans/French/IsiZulu), English First Language, Mathematics (either Extended or Core) are compulsory subjects up to the end of IGCSE.
- If a student wants to continue with a subject on AS-Level a C-symbol on the IGCSE Extended level is the minimum requirement.
- Afrikaans and IsiZulu 2nd Language, or French as a Foreign Language can be discontinued at the end of Grade 11 only if an A or B symbol is achieved AND at least a B symbol for IGCSE English First Language.
- Core and extended options are available at IGCSE level in Mathematics only. Please note – **an IGCSE subject on Core cannot be taken on AS Level.**

MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS PER GRADE

CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY

GRADE R - 7

All subjects on are compulsory.

CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY

GRADE 8

All subjects on are compulsory.

GRADE 9

All subjects on are compulsory.

CAMBRIDGE UPPER SECONDARY: IGCSE

TIME TABLE KEYS: GRADE 10 & 11

Choose 7 subjects from the subject list. Choose one subject from each one of the groups below.

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7
First Language English	Afrikaans as a Second Language French Foreign Language IsiZulu as a Second Language	Mathematics	Physics Economics	Chemistry Business Studies	Biology Computer Science Accounting Geography	Business Studies History Geography Computer Science

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED: AS LEVEL: GRADE 12

A maximum of six subjects and a minimum of 5 subjects are permitted. English Language is compulsory. You cannot choose more than one subject per group.

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7
English Language	Afrikaans French	Mathematics	Physics Economics	Chemistry Business Studies	Biology Computer Science Accounting	Business Studies History Geography Computer Science

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED: A LEVEL: Post Matric

A minimum of one and a maximum of 5 subjects. English Language is compulsory. You cannot choose more than one subject per group.

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
Mathematics	Biology Physics	Chemistry	Economics Geography

All external examinations to be written at the end of the AS/A Level course in the Oct/Nov sitting of Grade 12.

Entrance to Degree Courses according to Universities South Africa (Higher Education South Africa)

(NSC Matric with Exemption)

- 4 x AS Levels passes at grade D *plus* 1 x IGCSE at grade C
- 2 x A Level passes at grade E *plus* 3 x IGCSE at grade C
- 3 A Level passes at grade E *plus* 1 x IGCSE at grade C
- 5 x AS Level passes at grade D

Entrance to Diploma and Certificate Courses according to South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)

(NSC Grade 12 Equivalence)

- 2 x AS Level passes at grade D *plus* 3 x IGCSE at grade A to C
- 2 x AS Level passes at grade D *plus* 5 x IGCSE at grade A to E
- 1 x A Level pass at grade E *plus* 3 x IGCSE at grade A to C
- 1 x A Level pass at grade E *plus* 5 x IGCSE at grade A to E

UNIVERSITIES SOUTH AFRICA MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPTION FOR BACHELOR DEGREE PURPOSES.

Complete Exemption	Number of Required Subjects	Minimum Qualification Combination	Minimum Grade Required	Subject Group Requirements	Notes
Cambridge International A Level	5	2 subjects at A Level PLUS 3 subjects at IGCSE Level	E	Students must choose ONE subject from each of Groups I, II and III at either A Level or IGCSE Level. The fourth and fifth subjects for either A Level or IGCSE Level may be taken from any of the groups.	More than one subject can be chosen from a group providing that the minimum requirements have been met.
			C		
Cambridge International A Level	4	3 subjects at A Level PLUS 1 subject at IGCSE Level	E	Students must choose ONE subject from each of Groups I, II and III at either A Level or IGCSE Level. The fourth subject for either A Level or IGCSE Level may be taken from any of the groups.	
			C		
Cambridge International AS Level	5	4 subjects at AS Level PLUS 1 subject at IGCSE Level	D	<u>Students must choose ONE subject from Group I OR II and TWO subjects from two of Groups III, IV and V. The fourth and fifth subjects for either AS Level or IGCSE Level may be taken from any of the groups. English First Language should be offered and passed at appropriate level. N.B. Two languages must be offered to qualify for complete exemption.</u>	<p>More than one subject can be chosen from a group providing that the minimum requirements have been met.</p> <p>EXPLANATION OF THE TWO-SITTING RULE</p> <p>Candidates qualifying for the above exemptions for Bachelor Degree purposes need to meet the minimum requirements in two examination sittings. Examinations taken in the same calendar year are regarded as ONE sitting.</p> <p>Where a subject is not examined in Oct/Nov of May/June session, the following or preceding Oct/Nov or May/June session will be regarded as the same sitting, e.g. Afrikaans Language is not offered by Cambridge in the May/June session.</p>
			C		
Cambridge AICE	5	5 subjects at AS Level (full credit)	D	<p>Students must achieve passes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – English Language – at least one subject from Group II – at least one of the following: <p>Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Economics or Geography</p> <p>The fourth and fifth subjects may be taken from any of the groups.</p>	

RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES SOUTH AFRICA SUBJECT LIST.

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V	Ungrouped but recognised subjects
English Language	Afrikaans	3 rd language (which is not offered as part of Group 2 requirement).	Art and Design	Accounting	<i>Literature in English</i> (see note below).
English Language and Literature	German	Biology	Biology	Business Studies	<i>Literature in English</i> is a recognised subject but does not meet any grouping requirements and therefore will not be taken into account for exemption purposes.
			Chemistry		
			Physics		
	IsiZulu	Mathematics	Economics	Design and Technology	All Group V subjects at Cambridge International AS Level are only recognised if the candidate has passed IGCSE Mathematics with a minimum of grade C.
	Italian	Physical Science	Geography	Computer Science	
	Portuguese	Physics	History		
	Setswana	Chemistry	Mathematics		
	Spanish	Combined Science	Music		
	French	Co-ordinated Science	Physical Science		

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