



S5 and S6 Entry Requirements

This document is designed to help understand the entry requirements for the University of Aberdeen for those coming from either S5 or S6 into most of our degrees.

Note: this information does not apply to applications for Medicine, Law or Biomedical Science, or advanced entry into Year 2.

For further information and a complete list of degrees with all entry requirements, please see www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate.

Please note: this information only applies to admission for the University of Aberdeen.

What Higher results do I need to have in order to apply to the University of Aberdeen? Will I get an offer?

Do your Higher results (by the end of S5) meet the “Standard” or “Minimum” entry requirements and any mandatory subject requirements listed at www.abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate?

A) I have achieved the Standard or Minimum requirements...

Applicants who have achieved (or are on track to achieve if in S5) a range of Highers from BBBB - BBB are likely to be made an offer of admission. This may be unconditional or conditional. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required in order to meet the conditions of an offer. Entry to some degree programmes is competitive.

Where a student is in S6 and receives an unconditional offer of admission, we expect full and continued participation in their school course work as it will have direct relevance to the University environment.

B) I have not achieved the Standard or Minimum requirements, but I think I may meet one of the “widening participation” criteria...

Applicants who have achieved BB and **who meet one of the widening participation criteria**¹ are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required in order to meet the conditions of an “Adjusted” offer of admission.

¹ Please see the University’s *Contextualised Admissions and Access Thresholds Policy* for further details.

Additional Information

S4 Highers – Students who take a Higher or Highers in S4 will not be penalised; we regard Highers achieved in S4 and S5 as being from ONE sitting.

Resit Highers – Students choosing to resit a Higher in which they achieved a grade C or below in their first sitting, will normally be required to achieve an A grade in their second sitting. If the Higher at C was achieved in S4, the resit rule does not apply, even if the resit is not until S6.

Minimum Number of Exams in One Sitting - In at least one of the Senior Phase years (S4, S5 or S6) there is an expectation that a **minimum** of three Highers or Advanced Higher subjects are studied and presented for examinations - this is to ensure that students are prepared for the academic rigour they will find at University.

Advanced Highers - We **do not** double-count Highers and Advanced Highers in the same subject. We consider that a B grade in Advanced Higher can represent an improvement in a B grade at Higher, so an Advanced Higher may be used to upgrade a Higher.