



> UCAS Tariff & Level 3 Qualifications



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 Managing applications to UK higher education courses

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> Overview of the workshop

- UCAS application system
- UCAS Tariff
- Level 3 qualifications



> 2010 cycle figures

■ Total applicants	570,556	22.9%	↑
□ 20 and under	447,342	16.5%	↑
□ 21 and over	123,214	53.7%	↑
■ UK domiciled	499,451	22.1%	↑
□ 20 and under	390,826	15.3%	↑
□ 21 and over	108,625	55.6%	↑


Source: UCAS media release (08/02/2010)

As of 31 May 2010 there were 640,760 applicants, a rise of 77,758 or 13.8% over 2009



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> The UCAS journey

- 1 Potential applicant researches & finds course
- 2 Registers online with UCAS Apply
- 3 Completes form and processes payment
- 4 Academic reference added by school / college
- 5 School / college sends form electronically to UCAS
- 6 UCAS processes form and forwards to chosen HEIs
- 7 HEIs submit decisions (offer or unsuccessful)
- 8 Applicant views decisions on Track
- 9 Applicant replies to offers on Track (Firm / Insurance)
- 10 HEIs confirm places when results are released



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> 2011 Course Search



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Accountancy

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institution
G70 University of Greenwich

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Click on a course title for details needed to complete the UCAS application.
Click on an institution name or course title for further information.

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University of Greenwich (G70)

[Accounting and Finance](#) (N400) EP .

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qualification

3FT Hon BA

3FT Hon BA

3FT/4SW Hon BA

3FT Hon BA

2FT Fdg FdA

2FT HND

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Key

X . available in UCAS Extra

C . this course is currently closed for new applications

EP . complete entry profile


FT = full-time, SW = sandwich

Thinking about
Economics, Finance
and Accountancy?

Outstanding
placement
opportunities

Student-
friendly,
modern
facilities on
one of
England's
most
attractive
campuses.

> Easy way for students to start their search



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University of Greenwich
Accounting and Finance
3 year full-time Degree

information required to complete the UCAS application :

Open for all applications	
institution code name :	GREEN
institution code :	G70
course code :	N400
start date :	01 September 2011
campus code :	see below for list of campus codes
short form of course :	BA/AF
further details :	see notes about this course
application deadline date:	15 January 2011

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University of Greenwich
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Entry Requirements

Course Specific Requirements	Other Qualifications
English, Welsh and Northern Irish Qualifications	International Students 1
Scottish Qualifications	Mature Applicants
Other Tariff Qualifications	Opportunities For All
Access & Supporting Qualifications	

What This Course Offers You

Course Structure 1	How to Apply 1
Teaching and Assessment	Business School

> Qualifications check

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Course Specific Requirements

Course Specific Requirements

220 UCAS points or equivalent FROM at least two A-levels or a Double AVCE, if including Key Skills OR 260 UCAS points FROM at least two A-levels or a Double AVCE, if not including Key Skills. Applicants with four or more years' full-time work experience are considered on an individual basis

GCSE/Standard Grade

Subjects and grades required

English and Mathematics at grade C

English, Welsh and Northern Irish Qualifications

Volume and depth of study/Tariff points and Grades

Volume and depth of study (GCE A level or equivalent)

Minimum number required: 2

Tariff score

Points accepted: 220 - 260

GCE A/AS level grade range

GCE AS

Acceptability

Acceptable only when combined with other qualifications

> Key features of admissions scheme

- Maximum of 5 choices
- Some choice restrictions:
 - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry – max 4 choices
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simultaneous consideration
- ‘Invisibility’
- Fee for 2011 - £21 or £11 for single choice



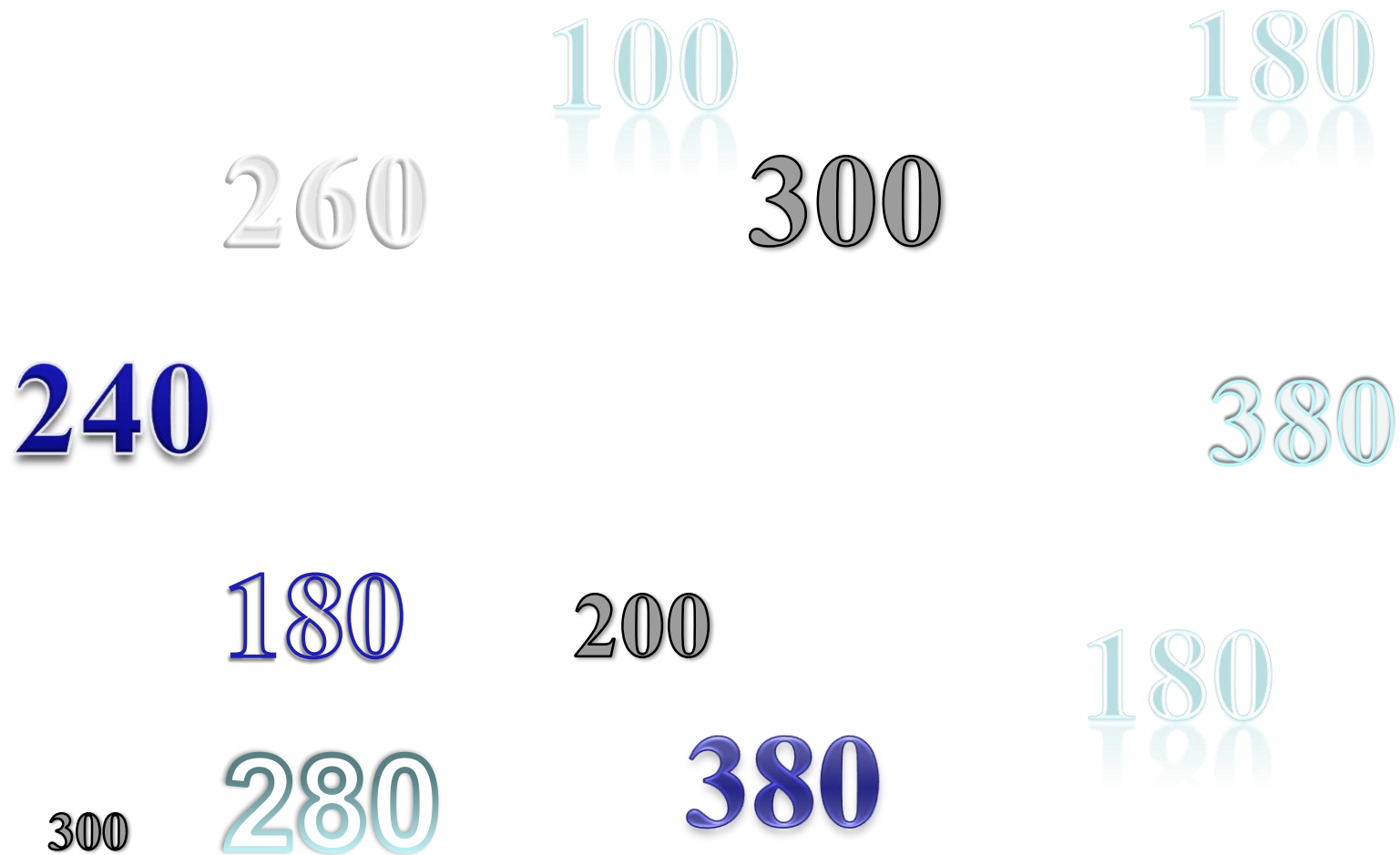
> Key dates and deadlines

- **Middle June**: applicants can register to complete their application
- **Early September**: completed applications sent to UCAS
- **15 October**: deadline for
 - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- **15 January**: main deadline
- **24 March**: deadline for some Art & Design
- **30 June**: deadline to be considered in main scheme
- **1 July**: applications received after this date enter clearing
- **20 September**: final application deadline

> The process post-application: HEI decisions

- UCAS processes and makes available to considering institutions within 24 – 48 hours
- Each university will record a decision through UCAS
 - **offer** (**conditional** where results not known)
 - **unsuccessful**
- Track updated and email sent to the applicant (or a letter where no email address provided)
- Applicants hold a maximum of **2** offers (others declined)
 - **Firm** (if conditions met place confirmed)
 - **Insurance** (only comes into play if you are **not** placed with your Firm choice)

> UCAS Tariff



> What is the UCAS Tariff?

- Points score
- Compares different types of qualifications
- Helps HEIs compare applicants
- Used in isolation or with other criteria
- Regularly updated
- A “rough guide”

What is it not?

- The answer to life, admissions and everything
- Comprehensive
- A tool giving entitlement to entry to HE
- Designed for employers
- Fun

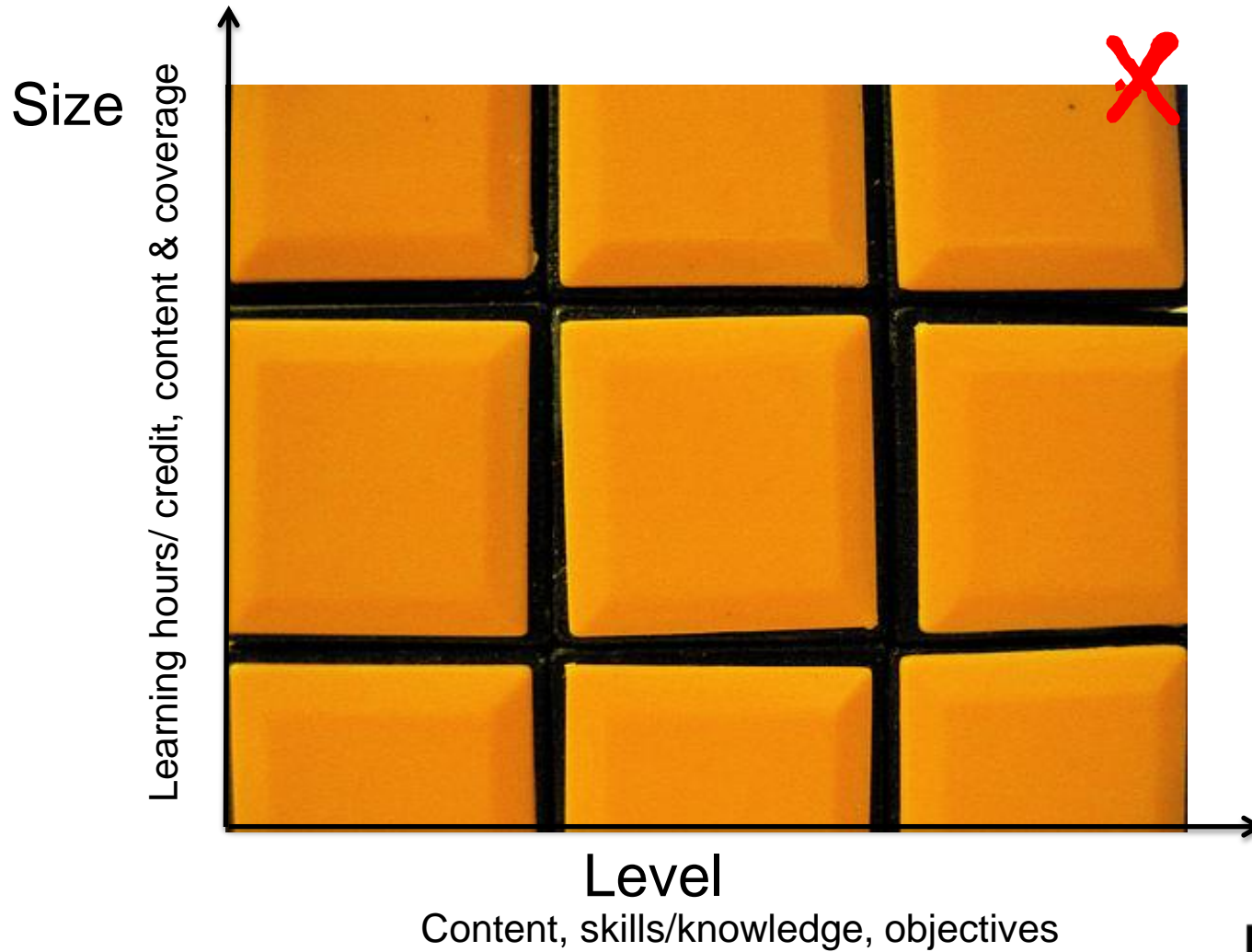
> The UCAS Tariff

- The UCAS Tariff aims to:
 - Establish agreed equivalence between levels of achievement in different qualifications;
 - Allocate numerical values, in the form of Tariff points, to differing levels of achievement in different qualifications;
 - Enable HE admissions staff, and others, to make balanced comparisons between students with differing kinds of achievement.


Who uses the Tariff?

- Number of institutions using Tariff for one or more courses = 248 (81%)
- Number of courses using the Tariff = 27,426 (65% of all HE courses (excluding top-up courses))

> What is a qualification's value?



> UCAS Information on Qualifications




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Curriculum and qualifications

This section provides detailed information regarding curriculum development and qualifications that are relevant to higher education.

You may also find it useful to use the [National Database of Accredited Qualifications](#): you can search for all accredited qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

You will need to be logged in to access some of the following sections.

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Find out about the latest developments to the curriculum.

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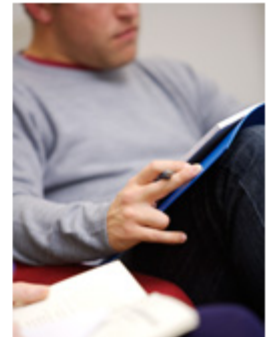
Learn about the points system used to report achievement for entry to higher education in a numerical format.

[English language proficiency](#)

A list of tests that international students take to demonstrate their knowledge of the English language.

[UK qualifications](#)

Access the UK Qualifications publication as a PDF.



> UCAS Information on the Tariff



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Work out how many points are awarded to specific qualifications

The UCAS Tariff is the system for allocating points to qualifications used for entry to higher education. It allows students to use a range of different qualifications to help secure a place on an undergraduate course.

Universities and colleges use the UCAS Tariff to make comparisons between applicants with different qualifications. Tariff points are often used in entry requirements, although other factors are often taken into account. [Entry Profiles](#) provide a fuller picture of what admissions tutors are seeking.

UCAS does not recommend the use of Tariff points for any other purpose than for entry to higher education. Not all post-16 qualifications attract UCAS Tariff points and therefore they should not be considered an appropriate measure of suitability for employment.

How does the Tariff work?

Learn how the Tariff works and how it is used in higher education.

Qualifications

Find out which qualifications are included in the Tariff.

Tariff tables

See how many points are awarded to qualifications in the Tariff.

HE work with Tariff

Recruiting HE specialists.

Tariff processes

Tariff processes outlined.

> **Number of level 3 qualifications**
- England, Wales and NI only

Total	3,462	100%
On Tariff	1,153	33%
Not on Tariff	2,309	67%

Total accredited until 2010	2,417	100%
On Tariff	308	13%
Not on Tariff	2,109	87%

> Entry requirements

2010 entry requirements (at 06/01/2010)	Total	%
Institutions with Tariff point requirements for one or more courses	248	81
HE courses with Tariff point requirements (excluding top-up courses)	27,426	65

> New and changed level 3 qualifications



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14 –19 Development – Response to Tomlinson 2005

‘14 -19: Education and Skills’ White Paper aims to transform education by:

- ❑ Developing a strong core 14-19
- ❑ Creating ‘routes to success for all’
- ❑ Developing a new diploma system
- ❑ Strengthen GCSEs and A levels
- ❑ Engage all young people

> New Qualifications

- Try to address the needs of Higher Education and Employers
- Most are 'packages' of different components
- Some are built on or include A levels e.g. Diplomas, AQA Bacc, Welsh Bacc., (Pre-U)
- Some include the Extended project – Diploma (subject needs to relate to the Principal Learning), AQA Bacc (can be on any approved topic)
- The same Extended Project can be a stand-alone qualification
- The packages are structured in different ways and achievement recognised in different ways

> Changes to A Levels



> Projects

Mandatory feature of:

- ❑ 14-19 Diplomas - must relate to Principal Learning
- ❑ IB (extended essay)
- ❑ WBQ (Individual Investigation) – must relate to Wales, Europe and the World
- ❑ Pre-U (Independent research report)
- ❑ Scottish Baccalaureate (Interdisciplinary project)

AVCEs not taught since 2006 – became Applied A levels

National Database of Accredited Qualifications®

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Qualification details

CCEA Level 3 Advanced GCE in Applied Business (Double Award)

[Translate into Welsh](#)

Qualification summary

A level specifications in Applied Business encourages students to acquire:

- practical skills: personal organisation and time management; ICT skills
- presentational skills: producing a business report; making an oral presentation
- personal skills: initiative; creativity; perseverance; willingness to learn and progress
- interpersonal skills: working in teams; discussing problems or issues; leading a team
- cognitive skills: investigative and research skills; problem solving; decision making, using theory to analyse a real organisation; planning a project.

Qualification details

[Qualification reference number](#) ⓘ 500/5747/9

> 2010 cycle figures

- New qualifications for UK domiciled applicants, as at January deadline 2010
- *(with health warning for accuracy)*

	<i>Applicants</i>
□ AQA Baccalaureate	1,909
□ Advanced Diploma	697
□ Progression Diploma	28
□ Pre-U Diploma	123
□ Pre-U Certificate	1,207
□ Extended Project	10,627

Source: UCAS Statistics

> Advanced Diploma

Principal Learning	Generic Learning	Additional & Specialist Learning
<p>Skills, knowledge and understanding central to the chosen Diploma</p> <p>Sector related</p> <p>At least 50% is practical</p> <p>Employer / HE designed and endorsed</p>	<p>Functional skills: English, Maths, ICT</p> <p>Personal, learning and thinking skills</p> <p>Work experience (minimum 10 days)</p> <p>Extended Project</p>	<p>Optional units</p> <p>Can broaden and deepen learning programme</p> <p>Progression pathways</p>

> Tariff points for Advanced Diploma and ASL

GCE A level			Principal and Generic Learning combined grade (Progression Diploma)					
Additional & Specialist Learning	UCAS Tariff Points		E	D	C	B	A	A*
			100	150	200	250	300	350
	E	40	140	190	240	290	340	390
	D	60	160	210	260	310	360	410
	C	80	180	230	280	330	380	430
	B	100	200	250	300	350	400	450
	A	120	220	270	320	370	420	470
	A*	140	240	290	340	390	440	490

- 1,265 level 3 qualifications on ASL catalogue
- 49% of these attract UCAS Tariff points

> Cambridge Pre-U

Principal Subjects

3
of which
2 could be A
levels

Global Perspectives

5 Thematic
groups

Practical ethics
Economics
Environment
Technology
Technology,
politics and
culture

Independent research report

Focus on design,
plan, manage
Collect and
analyse information
Evaluate and make
reasoned
judgements
Communicate
findings /
conclusions

> Scottish Baccalaureate –
Science and languages

2 Advanced
Highers

1 Higher

Interdisciplinary
project

> Scottish Qualifications and the Tariff

GRADE	Baccalaureate (Interdisciplinary Project)	HIGHER	ADVANCED HIGHER	A LEVEL	AS
A*	NA	NA	NA	140	NA
A	65	80	130	120	60
B	55	65	110	100	50
C	45	50	90	80	40
D	NA	36	72	60	30
E	NA	NA	NA	40	20

> Welsh Baccalaureate –

Options
2 A levels BTEC NVQ level 3 Principal learning

Core
Key skills Work related education Individual investigation Wales, Europe and the World Personal and social education

Tariff score for the
core = 120 points

> AQA Baccalaureate –

3 A levels

Extended
project

Enrichment

Work related
learning
Community
participation
Personal
development

AS in
general studies
Or
Critical thinking
Or
Citizenship

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- NDAQ (National database of accredited qualifications)
- Ofqual
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Any Questions ?

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