

Notes on UCAS Presentation given by Jenny Miller (10.06.10)

Changes to UCAS application process:

- The UCAS application fee has been increased to £9 for a single choice and £19 for 2 - 5 choices. For 2011 entry the application fee will increase once again to £11 for a single choice and £21 for 2 - 5 choices.
- An A* grade at A-Level will be worth 140 UCAS points.
- A number of smaller changes can be found at <http://www.ucas.com/documents/ucasguides/changes2010.pdf>.

New Level 3 Qualifications Recognised by UCAS:

AVCEs have become 'Applied A-Levels'. They are equal in UCAS points with traditional A-Levels.

Advanced Diploma:

- Consists of 3 components: Principal Learning, Generic Learning and Additional & Specialist Learning.
- Principal Learning and Generic Learning make up the 'Progression Diploma' and students can gain 350 UCAS points from this grade alone.
- Additional & Specialist Learning grade is added to the 'Progression Diploma' grade to provide the overall grade for the Advanced Diploma (maximum of 490 UCAS points).
- Advanced Diploma includes work-based learning and an extended project.

Cambridge Pre-U:

- Consists of 3 components: Principle Subjects (3 of which 2 could be A-Levels), Global Perspectives and an Independent Research Report.
- Maximum available UCAS points pending. See http://www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/tariffables/ for updates.

Scottish Baccalaureate:

- Consists of 2 Advanced Highers, 1 Higher and an Interdisciplinary Project.
- Maximum of 405 UCAS points available.

Welsh Bacalaureate:

- Consists of Options (2 A-Levels/BTEC/NVQ3) and a Core (Key Skills, Work-related learning, Individual Research and Personal/ Social Education)

AQA Bacalaureate:

- Consists of 4 components compiled from options that already exist within other qualifications: 3 A-Levels, Extended Project, Enrichment (Work-related learning, Personal/Social Education) and an AS in General Studies, Critical Thinking or Citizenship.