Academic Entry Requirements for International Foundation Programme September 2025 entry

The entry requirements below refer to the minimum academic requirement for entry. Some applicants may be asked to exceed these requirements depending on the degree they wish to progress to.

Africa

The Americas

Asia

Europe

Middle East

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Africa

Angola Certificado de Habilitações with an overall grade of 18 out of 20

Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education with 5 subjects at B average (4 at grade B)

Cameroon Baccalaureate with an overall grade of 16 out of 20

Cape Verde Certificado de Habiltações Literárias 3°Ciclo with average grade of 16/20 ("Certificado de Habiltações Literárias 3°Ciclo via tecnica" is not accepted)

Egypt General/Al-Azhar Secondary School Certificate with an overall grade of 80%

Ethiopia Ethiopian School Leaving certificate with overall Distinction (3) with at least 4 grades at 70% or above.

Gambia West African Senior School Certificate with an overall grade of B2

Ghana West African Senior School Certificate with an overall grade of B2

Guinea-Bissau Certidão de Conclusão do 12° ano do Ensino Secundário (Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education) with average of 16/20

Ivory Coast Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre / Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire with an overall grade of 16 out of 20

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education with 5 subjects at average grade of B, 4 at grade B

Libya Secondary Education Certificate with an overall grade of 75%

Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) with an overall grade of 3 and no subject below 6

Morocco Attestion du Baccalauréat with an overall grade of 16 out of 20

Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) with a minimum of 3 higher level subjects at grade 2 and remaining subjects at average grade B

Nigeria West African Senior School Certificate/Senior School Certificate with an overall grade of B2

Rwanda Advanced Certificate of Education with ABB in three relevant subjects

Sudan School Certificate with an overall grade of 70%

Tunisia Diplôme de Baccalauréat with an overall grade of 16 out of 20

Zambia School Certificate/ General Certificate of Education with an overall grade of 3 and no subject below 6

The Americas

Argentina Six year Título de Bachiller with an overall grade of 8

Bolivia Diploma de Bachiller de Humanidades at 85+ (desarrollo pleno)

Brazil Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio with an overall grade of 7

Chile Licencia de Educación Media with an overall grade of 6

Colombia Bachiller Académico with an overall grade of 70%

Costa Rica Bachiller en Educación Media with an overall average of 70%

Ecuador Título de Bachiller with an overall grade of 8

Guatemala Bachillerato with an overall grade of 80%

Honduras Bachillerato with an average of 80%.

Mexico Bachillerato General with an overall grade of 8/80% and no final year subject below 6/60%

Panama Bachillerato with an overall grade of 4 and no subject below 3

Peru Certificado de Educación Secundaria Común Completa with an overall grade of 18

Uruguay Título de Bachillerato Diversificado with an overall grade of 10

Venezuela Título de Educación Media General with an overall grade of 18

Asia

Afghanistan Baccalauria with 85%

Armenia Mijnakarg (andhanur) krtutyan atestat with an overall average grade of 16

Azerbaijan Certificate of Complete Secondary Education with an overall grade of 4

Bangladesh Higher Secondary Certificate with an overall GPA of 4.0

Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate with an overall grade of 71%

Cambodia Diploma of Upper Secondary Education with 5 subjects at B average (4 at grade B)

China Senior High School certificate with at least 6 relevant academic subjects studied in both semesters of in grade 12 and an overall average of 80% in your final year

Indonesia Certificate of Graduation from Secondary School (SMA/MA) with an overall grade of 71%

Japan Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho with an overall average of grade 4

Kazakhstan Svidetel' stvo o Srednem Obrazovanii with an overall average of grade 4

Korea Senior High School Diploma with an overall grade of B/80%

Laos Upper Secondary School Diploma with an overall grade of 8

Macau Certificado de Ensino Secundario Complementar (Senior Secondary Graduation Certificate) with average of grade 2

Mongolia Certificate of Complete Secondary Education with an overall grade of 80%

Myanmar the Basic Education High School Examination (also known as Matriculation Examination) with overall average of 75%. (Technical High school diploma not accepted)

Nepal School Leaving Certificate Examination (Grade XII)/Higher Secondary Education Board Examination with an overall GPA of 3.2

Pakistan Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate with an overall grade of 80%

Philippines Senior High School Diploma (Academic track) with an overall grade of 85%

South Korea High School Diploma/ Certificate of Graduation/ Graduation Equivalency Examination with an overall grade of 80%

Taiwan Senior High School Leaving Certificate with B/70% in five relevant subjects

Tajikistan Certificate of Completed Secondary Education with an overall grade of 4

Thailand Certificate of Basic Education (Maw 6) with an overall grade of 3

Uzbekistan Shahodatnoma (Certificate of General Secondary Education) with overall grade of 4.

Vietnam Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma with an overall grade of 7.5

Europe

Albania Secondary School Leaving Certificate with an overall grade of 8

Belarus Certificate of General Secondary Education with an average grade of 8.

Georgia General Education Diploma with average of grade 8 (good)

Kosovo Diplomë për Kryerjen e Shkollës së Mesme të Lartë (High School Diploma) with average of grade 4

Macedonia State Matura with overall grade of 4

Montenegro Diploma o položenom maturskom ispitu (Secondary School Leaving Diploma) with overall grade of 4

Moldova Diploma de Baccalaureat (high school leaving diploma) with an overall average of 8

Russia Certificate of Secondary (Complete) General Education with an overall grade of 4

Ukraine Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education with an overall grade of 9

Middle East

Bahrain Shahadat Al-Thanawiya Al-Amma with an overall grade of 85%

Iran High School Diploma (Theoretical stream/Nazari) with an average grade of 17

Iraq Certificate of Preparatory Education/Secondary School Certificate with an overall grade of 85%

Jordan Certificate of General Secondary Education with an overall grade of 85%

Kuwait Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama with an overall average of 85%

Lebanon General Secondary Certificate with an overall grade of 15/80%

Oman General Education Diploma with an overall grade of 80%

Palestinian Territories General Secondary Education Certificate (Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama) with an average score of 80%

Qatar Senior School Certificate/General Secondary Education Certificate with an overall grade of 85%

Saudi Arabia General Secondary Education Certificate with an overall grade of 85%

Syria General Secondary Certificate with an overall grade of 80%

Turkey Lise Diploması (High School Diploma) with an overall grade of 70%

United Arab Emirates General Secondary Education Certificate Examination with an overall grade of 85%

Yemen General Secondary Education Certificate with an overall grade of 85%

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