

Acceptable International Qualifications for Foundation Programmes

Region/Country	Acceptable Qualification	Entry Semester	Foundation in Arts and Education	Foundation Programme in Business and Management	Foundation Programme in Engineering	Foundation in Science	English Requirements/ Acceptable Alternatives
General entry requirements		*As a general rule, applicants who have undergone 12 years of education are eligible to apply for the 2 semester Foundation. However, under certain, specific circumstances, students will be asked to join the 3-semester Foundation.	Applicants who are planning to progress to undergraduate programmes offered by Nottingham University Business School must have at least grade B in mathematics at GCSE/ IGCSE/High School Diploma or equivalent. Good results in mathematics. Grades obtained in religion, general studies, home economics, physical education and national/local language are generally not taken into account.	Good results in mathematics. Grades obtained in religion, general studies, physical education and national/local language are generally not taken into account.	Good results in mathematics and physics. Good results in mathematics. Grades obtained in religion, general studies, home economics, physical education and national/local language are generally not taken into account.	Good results in mathematics and science subjects. Grades obtained in religion, general studies, home economics, physical education and national/local language are generally not taken into account. Additional Notes for applicants planning to continue on to **Master of Pharmacy (Honours): Applicants must obtained 5 Bs in relevant academic subjects, including biology, chemistry, physics and either mathematics or additional mathematics at high school level or equivalent. Acceptance is at the discretion of the School and must meet the prerequisite requirement of the programme. ** Applicants intending to continue on to Master of Pharmacy (Honours) must complete a 3-semester Foundation.	IELTS: 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in each element) TOEFL (iBT): 79 (minimum 17 in Writing and Listening, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking) PTE (Academic): 55 (with no less than 51 in each element) GCSE O-Level: grade C IGCSE (First Language): grade C IGCSE (Second Language): grade B IB MYP: 4 IELTS, TOEFL and PTE (Academic) test results must be less than two years old and all IELTS must be the academic version of the test. ** All progressing Foundation candidates into Master of Pharmacy (Honours) programme are expected to fulfil the English language requirement as stipulated by the School of Pharmacy at the Malaysia Campus.
East Asia							
China	Senior High School Diploma	2-Semester Entry	Average grade of at least 80%.	Average grade of at least 80% with 80% in mathematics.	Average grade of at least 80% with 80% in mathematics and physics.	Average grade of at least 80% with 80% in mathematics and 2 science subjects (biology, chemistry or physics).	English testing mandatory. Please refer to the acceptable English requirements/ Acceptable Alternatives.
Japan	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho)	*2-Semester Entry	Overall average grade of 4.	Overall average grade of 4 with grade 4 in mathematics.	Overall average grade of 4 with grade 4 in mathematics and physics.	Overall average grade of 4 with grade 4 in mathematics and 2 science subjects (biology, chemistry or physics).	English testing mandatory. Please refer to the acceptable English requirements/ Acceptable Alternatives.
South Korea	High School Diploma from Specialised High Schools	*2-Semester Entry	Average 80%, or grade B.	Average 80%, or grade B, with 80% in mathematics.	Average 80%, or grade B, with 80% in mathematics and physics.	Average 80%, or grade B, with 80% in mathematics and 2 science subjects (biology, chemistry or physics).	English testing mandatory. Please refer to the acceptable English requirements/ Acceptable Alternatives.
Taiwan	Senior High School Diploma	2-Semester Entry	Average grade of at least 75%.	Average grade of at least 75% with 75% in mathematics.	Average grade of at least 75% with 75% in mathematics and physics.	Average grade of at least 75% with 75% in mathematics and 2 science subjects (biology, chemistry or physics).	English testing mandatory. Please refer to the acceptable English requirements/ Acceptable Alternatives.
Alternative Qualifications							
GCSE/IGCSE		3-Semester Entry	BBBBB Only one language subject may be considered as an academic subject for admissions purposes.	BBBBB including grade B in mathematics Only one language subject may be considered as an academic subject for admissions purposes.	BBBBB including grade A in mathematics and grade B in physics. Applicants who have fallen short in obtaining the minimum mathematics grade requirement by a very narrow margin, but have obtained grade B in additional mathematics, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Only one language subject may be considered as an academic subject for admissions purposes.	BBBBB including grade B in mathematics and 2 science subjects (biology, chemistry or physics). Only one language subject may be considered as an academic subject for admissions purposes.	Please refer to the acceptable English requirements/ Acceptable Alternatives.
High School Diploma (US Style Curriculum)		2-Semester Entry	Minimum final GPA of 3.0 (out of 4).	Minimum final GPA 3.0 (out of 4) with Grade B in mathematics or pre-calculus and physics in grade 11 or grade 12.	Minimum final GPA of 3.0 (out of 4) in High School Diploma with grade B in mathematics or pre-calculus and physics in grade 11 or 12.	Minimum final GPA 3.0 (out of 4) with Grade B in mathematics or pre-calculus and two science subjects (biology, chemistry or physics) in grade 11 or 12.	
A Level	Accepted for direct entry into undergraduate degree programmes. Entry requirements vary by programme, please refer to the Undergraduate Prospectus.						
Advance Placement (AP)	If you have not met the entry requirements for undergraduate degree programmes, you <u>may be</u> eligible to apply for a 2-semester Foundation (does not apply to **Master of Pharmacy (Honours)).						
IB Diploma							