香港教育大學
The Education University of Hong Kong

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For admission to programmes of the University, applicants must meet the general entrance requirements and programme specific requirements, or other qualifications deemed acceptable by the University. For details of the entrance requirements for individual programmes, please visit our website www.eduhk.hk/acadprog.

General Entrance Requirements for Degrees of Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education and Doctor of Education (Chinese)

For admission to the University's research degree programmes and Doctor of Education programme, an applicant must satisfy the following minimum entrance requirements:

Doctor of Philosophy

(a) A Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or

(b) A Bachelor's degree with first class honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.

Master of Philosophy

(a) A Bachelor's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.

Doctor of Education and Doctor of Education (Chinese)

(a) A Master's degree in the discipline of Education or a cognate field relevant to his/her chosen Cluster, plus four years' professional experience.

English Language Requirements

Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Education:

Applicants with a Bachelor's or Master's degree from a university where the programme was not taught and assessed in English are normally required to demonstrate competency through one of the following minimum requirements:

(a) IELTS 6.5 with no sub-test lower than 6.0 (academic version)*; or

(b) TOEFL (internet-based test)*:

- Score of 80 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026);
- Score of 4.5 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards); or

(c) Other equivalent qualifications.

**The results should be valid within two years, and the test should be taken in test centres.*

For PhD and MPhil programmes, individual fields of study such as English Language may have higher requirements.

Doctor of Education (Chinese):

Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution in a non-English speaking system should normally fulfil one of the following minimum English language proficiency requirements:

(a) IELTS 5.0 with no sub-test lower than 4.5 (academic version)*; or

(b) TOEFL (internet-based test)*:

- Score of 43 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026);
- Score of 3.0 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards); or

(c) Other equivalent qualifications.

**The results should be valid within two years, and the test should be taken in test centres.*

Please refer to the programme website for details.

Chinese Language Requirements

Doctor of Education (Chinese):

Applicants whose first language is not Chinese and who have not taken a degree programme of which the medium of instruction was Chinese are required to fulfil the Chinese requirement of Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) level 6 or equivalent.

General Entrance Requirements for Master's Degree (by Coursework and Examination) and Postgraduate Diploma Programmes

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For admission to the University's Taught Master's Degree and Postgraduate Diploma programmes, an applicant must fulfil the following minimum entrance requirements:

Taught Master's Degree and Postgraduate Diploma programmes

(a) A recognised Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

English Language Requirements

Applicants should normally hold a degree in the medium of English, or one of the following minimum English language requirements:

(a) Overall score of IELTS 6.0 (academic version)*; or

(b) Grade C or above in GCSE / GCE O-level English; or

(c) TOEFL (internet-based test)*:

- Score of 80 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026);
- Score of 4.0 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards); or

(d) Band 6 in the Chinese Mainland's College English Test (CET) with a total score of 430*; or

(e) Other equivalent qualifications.

** The results should be valid within two years, and the test should be taken in test centres. TOEFL Home Editions, TOEFL MyBest Score, IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online, IELTS One Skill Retake, Duolingo and National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (???????????) are NOT acceptable.*

Individual programmes / subjects may have different language requirements. Please refer to individual programme website for details.

General Entrance Requirements for Undergraduate Programmes

For admission to the University's undergraduate programmes, an applicant must satisfy one of the following minimum entrance requirements and also need to fulfil the language requirements:

(1) **Applications on the Strength of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination Results**

Four core subjects and one elective subject with

(a) Level 3 in English Language and Chinese Language; and

(b) Level 2 in Mathematics (Compulsory Part), and

(c) Attained in Citizenship and Social Development; and

(d) Level 2 in TWO elective subjects.

(2) **Other Qualifications**

Other qualifications may include HKALE qualification, local and non-local qualifications from recognised post-secondary institutions or equivalent qualifications deemed acceptable by the University.

(3) **Mature Applicants**

An applicant who is at least 25 years of age as of 31 August of the year in which admission is sought and can demonstrate to the University's satisfaction his/her suitability for and capability to pursue his/her chosen programme successfully may be exempted from the entrance requirements as a mature student.

Language Requirements

Applicants holding non-local qualifications should be able to demonstrate an acceptable level of proficiency in both Chinese and English languages unless exempted by the University. More details can be found at www.apply.eduhk.hk/ug/nonjupas#language-requirements.

English Language Requirements

(a) Grade E or above in AS Use of English in the HKALE; or

(b) Level 3 or above in English Language in the HKDSE; or

(c) TOEFL (internet-based test)[#]

- Score of 80 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026);
- Score of 4.0 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026); or

(TOEFL ITP, MyBest™ Score are not accepted)

(d) Overall score of IELTS 6.0 (academic version)[#]; or
(IELTS one-skill retake results are not accepted)

(e) Grade E or above in GCE AS / A Level English; or

(f) Grade C / Grade 4 or above in IGCSE / GCE O-level English; or

(g) Grade C / Grade 4 or above in GCSE English or English Literature; or

(h) IB Diploma

- English A: Language and Literature (Higher or Standard Level) – Grade 4; or
- English A: Literature (Higher or Standard Level) – Grade 4; or
- English B (Higher Level) – Grade 4; or
- English B (Standard Level) – Grade 5; or
- English Literature and Performance (Standard Level) – Grade 4; or
- English Text and Performance (Standard Level) – Grade 4; or

(i) Other equivalent qualifications deemed acceptable by the University.

[#] *The test should be taken in test centres and the results should be valid within two years after the test date.*

Chinese Language Requirements*

(a) Grade E or above in AS Chinese Language & Culture in the HKALE; or

(b) Level 3 or above in Chinese Language in the HKDSE; or

(c) Grade 4 or above in IB Chinese Language subject; or

(d) Grade E or above in GCE AS / A Level Chinese; or

(e) Grade C / Grade 4 or above in GCSE / IGCSE / GCE O-level Chinese;

or

(f) Other equivalent qualifications deemed acceptable by the University.

** Applicants with non-local qualifications seeking admission to programmes with English as the medium of instruction will be exempted from this Chinese Language requirement on a case-by-case basis. For programmes which require students to have possessed a good command of Chinese, waiver of the Chinese Language requirement will not be granted.*

General Entrance Requirements for Top-up Degree Programmes/ Senior Year Entry of the Undergraduate Programmes

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For admission to the University's top-up degree programmes or senior year places of its full-time undergraduate programmes, an applicant must fulfil the following minimum entrance requirements:

Senior Year Admissions (UGC-funded Programmes)

(a) A recognised Associate degree/Higher Diploma or equivalent qualification; or

(b) Transfer students enrolling in a Bachelor’s degree or higher degree programme at a recognised local or non-local university will be considered on an individual basis. Repeating of UGC-funded study across institutions is generally discouraged except under exceptional circumstances; and

(c) Language requirements as deemed acceptable by the University.

Top-up Degree programmes

(a) A recognised Associate degree/Higher Diploma or equivalent qualification; and

(b) Teaching experience or relevant professional practice in a related field for top-up degree programmes.

Individual programmes have different programme specific requirements. Please refer to individual programme information / websites for details.