

**IB Application
to
USA Universities
(IB students)**



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Introduction

A major problem with researching US universities is dealing with the vast quantity of information available. Enquires to a few universities can result in many kilograms of material being delivered to you, much of which can be accessed on the internet.

Help with research

Fiske Guide to Getting Into the Right College - contains general information on most aspects of researching and applying to US schools.

Fiske Guide to Colleges - provides a 2-3 page overview of each of 300 selective US institutions and includes some major Canadian and UK universities. It provides invaluable information on most aspects of researching and applying to US schools.

Linden is a US organization specializing in tours and college fairs around the world. It has a useful webpage about US education at <http://www.lindentours.com>. The Linden Tour usually visits Hong Kong in October each year and it might be worth attending if you want to meet with schools that don't usually visit WIS.

The Institute of International Education (IIE) holds its annual US higher education fair in Hong Kong in late September/early October at the Conrad Hotel. More information can be found at: <http://www.iie.org/What-We-Do/International-Education-Services/Higher-Education-Fairs>

Credit and advanced placement

High scores in your HL courses might get you some credit at some colleges, allowing you to skip the corresponding first-year courses. Some college will reduce your total credit requirements (i.e. you complete your degree with fewer courses) while others will not change your total credit requirement (i.e. same number of courses but at least no repetition of equivalent first-year courses).

Terminology

‘University’ versus ‘College’

While most other countries just use the name **university** for institutions offering the undergraduate Bachelor degree programme, US *schools* are typically classified as universities (usually offer research and both four-year undergraduate as well as post-graduate study) or colleges (only offer the four-year undergraduate degree programmes - although there is no post-graduate research, some colleges do offer excellent research opportunities). Also institutes offer Bachelor degrees - e.g. MIT, Caltech. Some universities offer their undergraduate programmes within colleges - e.g. Cornell University has seven undergraduate colleges (Art, Sciences, Engineering, etc).

Liberal Art and Pre-Professional

Most colleges offer a liberal arts programme, which includes compulsory breadth with a focus on your chosen major. This is similar to the IB Diploma programme. Some professions require specialized training at the undergraduate level to prepare for a graduate programme. These pre-professional programmes are not available at all colleges.

Need-blind

Most universities have separate offices for admissions and for financial aid, each deal with relevant applications. When a university states that it is need-blind, it means each of these 2 offices makes its own decisions without consulting the other -i.e. a student might get an offer of admission but no offer of financial aid.

One rationale for this is that a student may be able to use the admission offer to raise funds or sponsorship for the university costs.

Many universities state that they are need-blind but unless it states it specifically for international students you should probably assume they are only need-blind for domestic students and 'need-aware' for others. If the university is not need-blind then it will usually make an admission offer if it is also prepared to offer financial aid. One effect of this is that many students receive rejections because the universities could not afford them and not because the universities did not want them. You should be aware that if you apply for financial aid to universities which are not need-blind when you do not need it, you risk a rejection on financial grounds.

Applications

There are different deadlines for universities but the most common ones are *1st November, mid December and early January*. There are also rolling applications, but our advice for application is - the earlier, the better.

You can get application forms by:

- Requesting from the university - Undergraduate Admissions Office email addresses are available on the university websites and in their prospectuses.
- Downloading from the university websites - many universities provide this option.
- Completing the form online at the university website
- Using the Common Application form if the university is a member of this system.

Common Application

(www.commonapp.org)

The Common Application is a single application accepted by more than 500 US universities and colleges. The major advantage of using the Common Application is the time saved by completing the form to send to the various universities you wish to apply to, on the same form. Although you only need to write one application essay, you might want to alter it slightly or even write a completely different essay for some universities. Some universities have extra forms - supplements - which you can get from the common application website.

Non-Common Application

Certain universities and colleges are not listed under Common Application, e.g. University of California, University of Texas. Students will need to apply directly to the university.

Early Decision, Early Action and Regular Decision

Some US colleges offer *Early Decision* or *Early Action* applications. If you apply for Early Decision you commit to attend that college if it offers you a place - i.e. you can only apply to Early Decision to one college and you must be certain that college is your first choice. If you apply for Early Action, you are not bind to attend that college if it offers you a place. Some US colleges only have Early Action or Early Decision. Many US colleges have Early Decision/Action application deadlines in *October* and *November* and will give you a decision several weeks later, often before the Christmas break.

Some advantages of successful Early Decision application

- You will know where you are going by the beginning of Term 2
- You will save time by not applying to other universities
- You might have a small advantage over Regular Decision applicants. You avoid the uncertainty of waiting until March/April for decisions.

US Regular Application deadlines are generally in late December and early January.

All students with plans for Early Decision application should be discussed with the Careers Department, Head of Upper School and Form Tutor for early references well in advance.

Request for Mid-term report

Unless a university or college specially requests for a mid-term report WIS would not normally provide one and sends a letter explaining this to universities. However, where there has been a substantial decline or improvement in a student's academic performance, the university will be informed at WIS's discretion.

Responding to offers

For US colleges and universities there is a *1st May* deadline to respond to offers. At this time, colleges will request non-refundable deposits to secure a place.

SATs

Overview

SATs are administered by the Collegeboard (www.collegeboard.org) which has an informative website. There are SAT Reasoning Tests (previously SAT I) and SAT Subject Tests (previously SAT II). Most US universities require that you take SAT Reasoning Tests. Some universities do not require SAT Subject Tests for IB students, but many do require them, so check prospectuses or university websites. It is always useful to check with the university what SAT score students coming from Hong Kong achieved in recent years. About 800 US colleges do not require SAT I from IB students for entry; these can be found at: <http://www.fairtest.org/>

WIS offers the opportunity for students in Year 11 to take the PSAT in order to gain experience of this type of testing. Students who did take PSAT will already have an account with Collegeboard which offers access to practice tests and questions online.

NOTE: Most universities accept the ACT in place of the SAT I test. More information can be found at: <http://www.act.org/aap/>

Information on the differences between the ACT test and the SAT tests can be at: <http://www.princetonreview.com/sat-act.aspx> and <http://www.studydrive.com/ed/act-vs-sat/>

Testing dates (during Y13 - Term 1)

There are three SAT testing dates in mid October, early November and early December. The December date is the latest you can use the test for most regular decision US applications. If you want to sit the January test, ask individual universities that you are applying to see if it is possible. Many students find it useful to sit the SAT Reasoning a second time because the test format is initially unfamiliar - the results of the October SAT will not be available before the deadline for registering for the November SAT so most of these students do SAT Reasoning Test in October and SAT Subject Tests in November and then register for a second SAT Reasoning Test in December if they wish. If you sit SAT Reasoning Test more than once, universities will use your highest math score, highest critical reading score and highest writing score.

However, some universities are now asking how many times you have taken the test and may want you to declare all your scores for every test.

Test dates		
Early May	Early June	Early October
Early November	Early December	Late January'

SAT I: Reasoning Test is designed to measure the verbal and mathematical reasoning and writing abilities that are important for success at university. It lasts 3 hours and 45 minutes and is mostly multiple choice for the Critical Reading and Math sections and essay writing for the Writing section.

SAT II: Subject Test is designed to measure a student's knowledge and skills in a particular subject area. Each test last one hour and you can take up to three Subject Tests on the same dates. It is not possible to sit both the Reasoning Test and Subject Tests on the same day.

TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language

The TOEFL has four sections: Listening, Structure, Reading and Writing. While TOEFL is not the only test of your ability to communicate in English available in Hong Kong, it is the most widely available. The TOEFL website has information on the test, how to register, practice tests etc.

Although WIS provides a letter in the transcript documents that the medium of instruction is English at WIS, some universities still prefer students to have the TOEFL. You should research whether the universities that you are applying to will require you to take the TOEFL. No preparation instruction for the test is given at WIS.

TOEFL website: www.toefl.org/

Making Smart Choices

We wish to encourage appropriate and well-matched applications in partnership with parents, which will facilitate successful outcomes. Consequently, we urge both parents and students to bear in mind the intense competition currently experienced by applicants to the Ivy League Colleges and the most competitive US universities.

The most competitive universities such as the Ivy Leagues and Stanford will accept nothing less than A/A* grade in all subjects at I/GCSE. Please also bear in mind that the acceptance rate will also include students with a legacy (those whose parents may have attended the university) - so in reality, the rate of acceptance is usually a few percent lower than published.

The universities will also be expecting an extremely high IB points score with top levels in individual Higher Level subjects along with high SAT results. Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Yale would require an applicant to have an outstanding extra-curricular profile such as participation in a sport, debating or music beyond national level.

The personal statement must be exceptional and reflect the experiences of an independent and mature student who shows initiative, leadership and commitment to school-based activities, extra-curricular activities as well as CAS.

Summer school programmes provide a good opportunity to experience campus life at some of the US colleges. The summer schools on offer in the USA (and also in the UK and in HK) are an excellent way to broaden a student's academic experience and it is an expectation that students who wish to apply for elite US colleges seriously consider participating in such programmes.

It is also an expectation that students attend additional public lectures such as those at the local universities or other prestigious bodies such as the Royal Geographical Society to further enhance their knowledge of their chosen subject.

Examples of past ESF students and entry into elite US colleges

- **Swimming for Hong Kong - Stanford**
- **Writing a chess column for local HK newspaper – Stanford**
- **Sailing for Hong Kong - Brown**
- **Golf for Hong Kong - Harvard**
- **Judo for Hong Kong – UPenn**
- **Creating a blog site for professional computer scientists - MIT**
- **Building a water system for an Indian village – UPenn**
- **Teaching soccer to street children in India, Columbia**

Useful websites

General

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/index.html>

<http://www.usnews.com/sections/education>

<http://www.iiehongkong.org/>

<http://www.educationUSA.state.gov>

<http://www.braintrack.com/us-colleges>

<http://collegeprowler.com>

Career website <http://www.payscale.com/resources.aspx>

College admission test

SAT: <http://www.collegeboard.com/>

ACT: <http://www.act.org/>

English Language Proficiency

TOEFL: <http://www.toefl.org/>

Scholarship websites

<http://www.fundingusstudy.org/>

<http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/scholar/index.htm>

Comparing University Costs (approximate cost 2013)

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/foreign-student-fees-in-canada-competitive-hsbc-finds-1.1386766>

	US	Canada	UK	HK	Australia
University Funding	Many private as well as public	Public	Public	Public	Public
Costs	Highest (From HK\$187,600 upward). Lower for US citizens	Medium (HK\$143,500). Lower for Canadian citizens	Medium – HK\$143,500. Lower for EU residents	Low – HK\$98,000. Lower for HK residents	High- HK\$188,000. Lower for Australian residents
Financial aid for international students	Many	Many small, several full scholarships	Few scholarships Nearly all < 30% of total cost	Few	Few
Undergraduate degrees	4 years	4 years	3 years, 4 years in Scotland	4 years	3-4 years depending on honours programme
When to choose major	Usually by end of 2 nd year	Usually by end of 2 nd year	At time of application	At time of Application (except HKUST)	Combination - some at time of application, some choose later
Broad or specialized	Liberal arts at many universities	Usually have distribution requirements	Only specialized programmes (no distribution requirements)	Only specialized programmes (no distribution requirements)	Tends to be some but depends on university
Application costs	US\$150 upward (fee waiver available)	CAN\$150 upward (generally no fee waiver)	Pay a single UCAS fee £12 (single) £23 (multiple). No fee waiver	Approx. HK\$450	Approx .AUD\$100
Application system	Apply individually to each university	Generally apply individually	Maximum 5 through UCAS	Individual	Individual
Predicted grades	Emphasis on predicted grades	Emphasis on predicted grades	Most emphases on predicted grades	Most emphases on predicted grades	Grades achieved at time of application
Type of offer	Unconditional	Usually unconditional	Conditional on IB results	Conditional on IB results	Grades already achieved
SATs	Most require SATs	SATs only for US students	Not required but can support application	Can support application	None

Examples of IB applicant profiles (university entry 2011)

Subject	GCSE/HKCEE/MYP	Academic Profile and Predicted University grade	SAT SCORES If available	University offers/rejections	
Biomedical /biochemistry	Art Business Studies Chinese D&T English Literature English Language Maths Science Double Award	A A* A* A* A A* A* A*A*	Biology HL Chemistry HL English HL Chinese Lang B SL Maths SL Psychology SL TOK Extended Essay	7 6 6 7 7 6 A B	Reading 740 Maths 740 Writing 670 Columbia – rejected Georgetown – waitlisted Michigan – deferred Chicago – rejected NYU – offer Berkeley – rejected UCLA – offer San Diego - offer
Performing Arts	Drama English Literature English Language French Maths Media Studies Religious Studies Science Double Award	A B B A* B A A* CC	English HL Psychology HL Theatre Arts HL Biology SL French Lang B SL Maths SL TOK EE	6 7 6 5 7 5 A A	Reading 620 Maths 550 Writing 600 North Carolina Chapel Hill – offer Florida – rejected Washington – offer Virginia – waitlisted College of William & Mary - waitlisted
Physics	Business Studies Chinese English Literature English Language Maths Media Studies PE Religious Studies Science Double Award	A* A A A A* A* A* A* A*A*	English HL Maths HL Physics HL Chemistry SL Philosophy SL Spanish Ab Initio SL TOK Extended Essay	7 6 7 7 6 5 A B	CalTech – rejected Dartmouth – rejected Harvard – rejected MIT - rejected

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History	Chinese D&T Drama English Literature First Lang Chinese English Language History Maths Science Double Award	A* A A A C A A* A* AA	English HL History HL Philosophy HL Biology SL Chinese Lang B SL Maths SL TOK EE	6 7 6 7 7 7 A A	Reading 710 Maths 770 Writing 700 Wellesley College – waitlisted Berkeley – offer UCLA – offer Columbia – rejected Georgetown – offer Princeton - rejected
Economics	Business Studies Chinese D&T Economics English Literature English Language Maths Science Double Award	A* A* A* A* A B A* A*A*	DT HL Economics HL Maths HL Physics HL Chinese Lang B SL English SL TOK EE	7 7 6 7 6 7 A A	Reading 630 Maths 780 Writing 710 Chicago – offer UPenn – rejected Harvard – rejected Princeton – rejected MIT – rejected
Social Sciences	Chinese Economics English Literature First Lang Chinese English Language History Maths Music Science Double Award	A* A* B A B A* A* B A*A*	Chemistry HL Chinese Lang B HL Economics HL History HL English SL Maths SL TOK EE	7 7 7 6 5 7 B A	Reading 540 Maths 760 Writing 650 NYU – rejected Michigan Ann Arbor – deferred Berkeley – offer UCLA – rejected Cornell – rejected San Diego - offer

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Art & Design	Art & Design Chinese Economics English Literature English Language History Maths Science Double Award	A A* B B B A* A* A**A*	History HL Maths HL Visual Arts HL Biology SL Chinese Lang B SL English SL TOK EE	6 5 7 6 7 6 A B	Rhode Island School of Design – offer Pratt Institute – offer SAIC Art Inst Chicago – offer SCAD – offer School of Visual Arts - offer
Engineering	Business Studies Chinese D&T English Literature English Language ICT Maths Science Double Award	B A* A C C C A CC	Business & Management HL DT HL Visual Arts HL Chinese Lang B SL English SL Maths Studies TOK EE	5 6 6 7 5 7 C C	Rochester Inst of Tech – offer Florida Inst of Tech - offer
Undeclared	Chinese Drama Economics English Literature English Language History Maths Science Double Award	A* A A A B A A* A**A*	English HL History HL Maths HL Business Management SL Chemistry SL Chinese Lang B SL TOK EE	6 6 5 6 5 6 B B	Smith College – offer Chicago - waitlisted

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Biomedical / Biochemistry	Business Studies Chinese English Literature First Lang Chinese English Language History Maths Media Studies Science Double Award	A* A* A C A A* A* A* A*A*	Chemistry HL Maths HL Physics HL Business Management SL Chinese Lang B SL English SL TOK EE	7 6 7 7 7 6 A C	Stanford – waitlisted Berkeley – rejected UCLA – offer Duke – offer San Diego – offer
Economics	Chinese Economics English Literature English Language History ICT Maths Science Double Award	A* A* A A A B A* A*A*	Economics HL Maths HL Physics HL Chemistry SL English SL Spanish Ab Initio SL TOK EE	7 7 7 7 6 6 B A	Reading 740 Maths 780 Writing 690 UPenn Early Decision – offer Chicago Early Action – offer
Media	Art & Design Chinese English Literature English Language History Maths Media Studies Science Double Award	A A* A A A B A* BB	English HL History HL Visual Arts HL Biology SL Chinese Lang B SL Maths Studies TOK EE	6 6 7 6 7 6 B C	Reading 580 Maths 600 Writing 610 Northeastern – offer Binghamton – waitlisted Syracuse – offer Chapman – offer Richmond - offer

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Business / Management	Economics	A	Chinese Lang B HL	7		Berkeley – offer UCLA – offer Cornell – rejected San Diego – offer NYU Stern - rejected
	English Literature	A	Maths HL	6		
	First Lang Chinese	B	Physics HL	7		
	English Language	A	Economics SL	7		
	History	B	English SL	5		
	Maths	A*	Music SL	6		
	Music	A*	TOK	B		
	Science Double Award	A**A*	EE	B		
Political Science	Business Studies	A*	Chemistry HL	6		Berkeley – rejected Brown – rejected Dartmouth – rejected Tufts – offer UCLA – offer
	English Literature	A*	English HL	7		
	First Lang Chinese	A	Maths HL	5		
	English Language	A	Biology SL	7		
	French	A*	French Lang B SL	6		
	Geography	A*	Geography SL	7		
	Maths	A*	TOK	A		
	Science Double Award	A**A*	EE	B		

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Biomedical /Biochemistry	Economics English Language English Literature History Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Physical Education Science Double Award	A* A* A A* A* A* A A* A*	Biology HL Chemistry HL Psychology HL Chinese Lang B SL Maths SL English SL TOK EE	7 7 6 6 7 6 B B	Chemistry 730 Maths Level 2 790 Reading 720 Maths 710 Writing 750	Michigan - offer Berkeley - offer UCLA - offer UC San Diego - offer John Hopkins – rejected Stanford – rejected Brown – rejected
Engineering	Additional Maths Chinese 1 st Language Economics English Literature English Language History Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Music Science Double Award	A* B A A A* A A* A* A AA	Chemistry H Maths HL Physics HL Chinese Lang B S Economics SL English SL TOK EE	7 7 7 7 7 6 B A	Reading 800 Maths 800 Writing 730 Chemistry 790 Physics 770	UCLA - offer UPenn - offer Harvard - rejected Stanford - rejected Princeton - rejected MIT Caltech - rejected
Film	English Literature English Language Maths Media Studies Religious Studies Science Double Award Spanish Technology (Food)	A A* B A* A* AA C A	English HL Film HL Philosophy HL Chemistry SL Maths Studies SL Spanish Language B SL TOK EE	6 6 5 5 6 4 C B	Reading 630 Maths 560 Writing 500	USC - offer Marist - offer Northeastern - offer Boston - offer UC San Diego - rejected

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Art/Animation	Art Chinese First Language Drama Economics English Language English Literature Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Science Double Award	A B B B A A A* C BB	DT HL Economics HL Visual Arts HL Chinese Lang B SL Maths Studies SL English SL TOK EE	7 6 6 7 7 5 C B	Reading 460 Maths 570 Writing 530	Academy of Art University - offer California College of the Arts - offer Ringling - offer Parsons - offer California Institute of the Art - rejected
Journalism/ Communications	Drama English Literature English Language History Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Religious Studies Science Double Award	A A A* A A* B A* BB	English HL Philosophy HL Theatre HL Chinese Lang B SL Biology SL Maths SL TOK EE	6 6 6 6 6 5 B C	Reading 560 Maths 540 Writing 600	Columbia College Chicago - offer Indiana University Bloomington - offer Miami - offer
Business Marketing	Chinese 1 st Language Economics English 2 nd Language English Literature English Language History Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Science Double Award	A B B C A B A* A AA	Biology HL Chinese A2 HL Visual Arts HL Economics SL Maths Studies SL English A1 SL TOK EE	5 6 6 7 6 4 B C	Reading 520 Maths 640 Writing 550 Maths Level 2 530 Chinese 800	Maryland - offer Goucher College - offer Bentley - offer UC San Diego, Irvine - offer

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Social Sciences	Business Studies English Language English Literature Maths Religious Studies Science Double Award Spanish Technology (Food)	B A B B A* BB B A	Biology HL Philosophy HL Visual Arts HL English A1 SL Maths SL Spanish SL TOK EE	5 5 5 5 5 5 C C	Reading 530 Maths 500 Writing 580	Purdue - offer Northeastern - offer Arizona - offer San Francisco - offer Michigan – rejected USC – rejected Boston – rejected UC - rejecteds
Undeclared	Business Studies Economics English Literature English Language ICT Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Science Double Award	C C C B D A* B CC	English HL History HL Visual Arts HL Chinese Lang B SL Environmental Systems & Soc SL Maths Studies SL TOK EE	5 5 6 5 4 5 C C	Reading 520 Maths 560 Writing 500	Illinois Wesleyan - offer Lawrence - offer Northeastern - offer North Carolina State – rejected George Washington – rejected Bates – rejected Gonzaga - rejected
Undeclared	Additional Maths Business Studies Chinese 1st Language English Literature English Language ICT Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Media Studies Science Double Award	B A* A* A A B A* A* A* AA	Economics HL History HL Maths HL Chinese A2 SL English SL Physics SL TOK EE	7 7 7 7 6 7 B B	Maths Level 2 800 Chinese 800 World History 710 Literature 750	UCLA, San Diego, Davis - offer Chicago - offer Northwestern - offer Brown – rejected Duke – rejected Cornell - rejected Princeton - waitlisted

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Art and Design	Art Chinese 1 st Language Economics English Language English Literature Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Religious Studies Science Double Award	A* B C A A A* B A* BB	Design Technology HL Psychology HL Visual Arts HL English A1 SL Maths Studies SL Chinese A2 SL TOK EE	7 5 6 5 6 6 B B	Reading 490 Maths 620 Writing 530 Maths Level 2 480	Rhode Island – Early Decision
Architecture	Economics English Literature English Language History Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Music Science Double Award	A A* A A A* A* A A*A*	English HL Chemistry HL Physics HL Chinese Lang B SL History SL Maths SL TOK EE	6 6 6 7 6 7 A B	Reading 660 Maths 680 Writing 710	Boston - offer New York University - offer UCLA - offer UC San Diego - offer Brown – rejected Harvard – rejected Columbia – rejected UC Berkeley - rejected
Undeclared	Additional Maths Art Economics English Literature English Language ICT Mandarin Foreign Language Maths Science Double Award	B A A* A A* A A* A* A*A*	Economics HL English A1 HL Maths HL Physics HL Chinese B SL Visual Arts SL TOK EE	7 6 6 7 6 7 A A	Reading 740 Maths 720 Writing 660 Physics 790 Maths Level 2 760 Literature 660	UCLA, San Diego – offer Berkeley, Santa Barbara - offer Chicago - offer NYU - offer Pittsburgh - offer Princeton – rejected Brown – rejected Dartmouth – rejected Yale - rejected

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Engineering	Additional Mathematics Business Studies English Language English Literature Geography History Mandarin Foreign Language Mathematics Science Double Award	A A* A* A* A* A* A* A* A* A* A*	Geography HL Mathematics HL Physics HL Chemistry SL Chinese Language B SL English A1 SL TOK EE	7 7 7 7 7 6 A B	SAT 1 : 2280 Physics: 750 Maths L2: 770 Chinese: 740 Chemistry: 730	Cornell, UCLA, UC Berkeley Rejections: Stanford, Princeton, Columbia
Letters and Science	Additional Mathematics Business Studies English Language English Literature History Mathematics Music Science Double Award Spanish	B A A B A* A* A A* A* A*	Business and Mgt HL Chemistry HL Mathematics HL English A1 SL Film Studies SL Spanish Language B SL TOK EE	7 7 6 6 6 6 A A	SAT 1: 2210 Maths L2: 800 Chemistry: 730	Illinois at Urbana Champaign, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, Michigan Rejections: Duke, Chicago, UPenn, Carnegie Mellon
Economics	Business Studies Chinese 1 st Language Drama English Language English Literature Geography Mandarin Foreign Language Mathematics Science Double Award	B A A B A A A* A* AA	Business and Mgt HL Chemistry HL Chinese Language B HL English A1 HL Mathematics SL Music SL TOK EE	6 6 6 5 7 6 B A	SAT 1: 1920 Chemistry: 660 Maths L2: 670	NYU, Northeastern Rejections: UCLA, UC Berkeley, Babson College, Carnegie Mellon, Boston College
Communications	Drama English Language English Literature Mandarin Foreign Lang. Mathematics Religious Studies Science Double Award Technology (Food)	A B B C C B DD A	English A1 HL Philosophy HL Theater HL Environmental Systems SL Mathematics Studies SL Spanish Ab Initio SL TOK EE	5 5 6 5 6 6 A C	SAT 1: 1680	Southern Methodist, Loyola Marymount, South Western, Portland State, Furman Rejections: Washington, Texas Austin

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Engineering	Additional Mathematics Business Studies Economics English Language English Literature History Mandarin Foreign Language Mathematics Science Double Award	B B A* A B A A A* A* A*	Chemistry HL Economics HL Mathematics HL Physics HL English A1 SL Spanish Ab Initio SL TOK EE	6 7 7 7 6 6 B B	SAT 1 : 2250 Maths L2: 800 Physics: 780	UCLA, Michigan, Georgia Tech, Carnegie Mellon
Business Management	Art Chinese 1 st Language Economics English Language English Literature Geography Mandarin Foreign Language Mathematics Science Double Award	B A A B A* A* A A* A* A*	Economics HL English A1 HL Visual Arts HL Biology SL Chinese Language B SL Mathematics SL TOK EE	7 7 7 6 7 7 A A	SAT 1: 2120 Chinese: 760	UCLA, UC Berkeley, Virginia, NYU Stern Rejections: Brown
Finance	Chinese 1 st Language Drama Economics English Language English Literature History Mathematics Science Double Award	A A* A* A A* A* A* A* A*	Economics HL English A1 HL History HL Chinese Language B SL Mathematics SL Physics SL TOK EE	7 6 6 7 7 7 A A	SAT 1: 2020 Chinese: 800	UCLA, UC Berkeley, Virginia, Boston Rejections: Brown, Georgetown
Computer Science	Additional Mathematics Art Economics English Language English Literature History Mandarin Foreign Lang. Mathematics Science Double Award	A B A B A A A* A* A* A*	Computer Studies HL Economics HL Mathematics HL Chinese Language B SL English A1 SL Physics SL TOK EE	7 6 6 5 5 6 A B	SAT 1: 2300 Chemistry: 730 Physics: 780 Maths L2: 800	UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Michigan Rejections: Carnegie Mellon, Caltech, Cornell