

Succeed at university and beyond

OXFORD **AQA**
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



Going to university *in the US*

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Choosing a university course is a very important decision.

You will need to think about:

- The type of university you are most interested in
- The location
- The cost
- The choice of activities on offer
- The courses offered

What you need to know about studying in the US

Most universities in the US consider a student's application holistically.

They look at a student's involvement in activities outside the classroom alongside their academic qualifications. American students are expected to have followed a general curriculum, typically including English, maths, science, history/social science and a foreign language. They sit standardized tests called SATs or ACTs.

Most universities do not require international students who present A-levels to sit SATs/ACTs. Some, such as Harvard, do and others will encourage students to do so to gain extra course credit.



The Ivy League

The Ivy League is an American collegiate comprising eight private research universities in the North-Eastern United States, renowned for their sporting prowess.

These elite colleges are also recognised for their academic excellence and selectiveness in admissions.

The Ivy League comprises:

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- The University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University

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Unrivalled in its legacy, The Ivy League provides the true test of academic and co-curricular rigour.

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Admissions process

What is the Common Application?

Universities in the US typically require students to apply through a standard process called the Common Application.

This process means student can apply to more than one university using the same online form.

A-levels are included in the listing of qualifications on the form.

Admissions teams are familiar with GCSEs and A-levels. Applicants also answer an essay question and provide recommendation letters from their school.



Did you know?

American student's academic record is evaluated as a Graded Point Average (GPA).

As admissions teams are familiar with A-levels, many universities will use grades in their evaluation of international students. Some will require a student to seek a credential evaluation which will convert grades to points and determine a GPA equivalence.

Course credit

It is usual to offer course credit where a student is considered to have followed demanding course studies.

A-levels are often considered in this category and can attract course credit, sometimes called advanced

standing, or exemptions from certain modules of the university course.

For details of universities which have confirmed that OxfordAQA qualifications will attract course credit and/or meet English proficiency requirements, please see *our website*.



Get the results *you deserve*



OxfordAQA qualifications are benchmarked to UK standards and our exams give every student the best possible chance to show what they can do and get the results they deserve.

They are valued by universities around the world as academically rigorous qualifications that equip students with

the skills they need to succeed, both at university and beyond.

Students with OxfordAQA qualifications have successfully progressed to some of the best universities all over the world, including the U15 Group, Oxford University, Ivy League universities, the Group of Eight in Australia, and the UK Russell Group.



Did you know?

100yrs

We achieve *Fair Assessment* by drawing on the expertise that AQA has developed over 100 years.



The Oxford Test of English

The Oxford Test of English (OTE) is an affordable, personalized test that fits you.

100% online, it's flexible, fast and available at approved test centres worldwide. Plus, it's the only proficiency test certified by the University of Oxford.

For details of institutions in the US that accept the OTE as proof of English proficiency, please visit our website.

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English *proficiency*

Students whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency.

You can demonstrate proficiency in several ways:

- Through your application form
- Taking the writing section of the ACT, TOEFL or IELTS
- Evidence of GCSE or A-level English (in some cases)
- Taking an English proficiency test that is approved by your chosen institution
- Some universities conduct web-based video interviews. This is often offered to students living in China.

For details of universities which have confirmed that OxfordAQA qualifications meet English proficiency requirements please see *our website*.



Did you know?

It is also possible, at some universities, including The California Institute of Technology, to be exempt from tests where a student's secondary school taught through the English medium.



Prepare for success *at university and beyond*

As competition for top university places increases globally, the need for students to stand out from the crowd is greater than ever.

While you are considering which educational institution you would like to attend, you can rest assured that OxfordAQA qualifications are recognised by leading universities worldwide. We work closely with Ministries of Education to ensure that equivalence to local qualifications is validated, OxfordAQA qualifications are comparable to those taken in the UK, and our International GCSEs, A-levels and project-based qualifications have been independently evaluated.

Most importantly, our *Fairness First* approach to exams means that you will get the results you deserve!



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we put fairness first