

# A-levels

## Who is this course for?

A-levels are for the most able students who are seeking places on competitive degree courses at the most elite universities in the UK or internationally. A-levels are essential for any students considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge University, or to medical school.

## Key Facts

**Start dates:** 12 September 2016; 9 January 2017 (Oxford, London and Bournemouth), 11 September 2017 (all locations)

**Locations offered:**



**Level:** Minimum IELTS 5.5 (A-level). Minimum IELTS 4.0 (Extended A-level) Completed 10 years of schooling.

**Length:** 2 Academic Years (6 terms), Extended option 7 - 9 terms

**Lessons:** Average 20 - 25 hours per week, plus homework and private study

**Minimum age:** 16 (A-level), 15 (Extended A-level)

**Class size:** 4 - 10

**Learning outcomes:**

- Gain "Gold Standard" UK national university entrance qualification
- Raise English to university level
- Develop study skills required at degree level
- Develop specialist subject expertise

## A-level grades for university entry

A-levels are widely regarded as the 'Gold Standard' qualification for top universities in Britain, and the rest of the world. This prestigious course is internationally acknowledged as evidence of the most demanding and rigorous intellectual training.

- When students apply for an undergraduate course, their chosen universities will offer a place conditional upon them achieving specified A-level grades. Each A-level is graded from A - E.
- The entrance requirements each university sets will be in either A-level grades or as a UCAS tariff score.

## Extended A-level option

An Extended A-level course is available for students with lower language levels who want to study A-levels. It develops suitable language proficiency for A-levels, plus academic study skills and subject enrichment in preparation for the main A-level and can be followed for 7 - 9 terms (including the 6-term main A-level course).

## A-level course structure and content

At Kings, there are six components to the A-level course:

**1. Main subjects**

Depending on each student's future degree course and ability, we will agree a personal study programme, choosing from three to five subjects.

**2. Academic skills development**

Students have classes in academic English. These will help them to use academic English effectively in their studies, and support both their general and subject-specific learning.

**3. IELTS preparation**

At the same time, they will develop specific skills to enable them to pass the IELTS exam to the level required for university entry.

**4. Academic Enrichment programme**

Students are also exposed to a variety of topics, including PSHE, Creative Arts and PE, as part of the Academic Enrichment programme.

**5. Examination practice**

Students have practice exams every week to ensure that they learn the disciplines of working concisely, accurately and to precise time limits. These also give teachers valuable information about students' progress so they can make sure each lesson is relevant to their exact needs.

**6. Examinations**

Examination structures for A-level vary by subject, but all involve a final examination at the end of year 2.

**University Application Programme**

All students benefit from the Kings University Application Programme. This provides a carefully managed and rigorous approach to university research, selection, application and final decision.

## Sample Pathways

