General admission: diploma requirements 2020/2021

Would you like to establish whether, as an international student, your diploma is good enough to get you admitted into a bachelor’s programme at Leiden University? To help you do so, the Admissions Office has drawn up a list of the most common foreign/international diplomas that meet the minimum admission requirements. Where applicable, minimum grades are listed.

Please note:
• The fact that a diploma is on the Admissions Office’s list does not mean that it is considered comparable with a Dutch VWO diploma, nor that it will automatically guarantee you admission.
• We do consider admission, but a final decision will only be taken after you have submitted a complete online application for admission.
• If you do not (expect to) meet the minimum requirements, an alternative pathway for admission can be to complete at least one year of a Bachelor’s programme at a research university in your country with good results, first.
• Leiden University College in The Hague and ‘numerus fixus’ programmes in Leiden have selective admissions; meeting the general (minimum) requirements does not guarantee a place.
• Programmes related to Mathematics, the Classics, medical and the natural sciences, all require knowledge of compulsory subjects at Dutch VWO level. Depending on your qualification, you can expect one or more additional entrance examinations.

Further information: Student Affairs Front Office

International diplomas

• European Baccalaureate
When applying, please remember to indicate in which subjects you took your written and oral examinations.

• International Baccalaureate (IB)
- IB diploma. The full IB Diploma programme is sufficient for general admission.
- IB certificates are only taken into consideration in combination with national diplomas that grant admission to higher education.

When applying, please include your grade 11 results, your first semester grade 12 results (Progress Report November) and official predicted grades from your school and ensure that the levels of all subjects, including the language-related ones, are clearly indicated (HL, SL, A or B, etc.).

Changes to IB mathematics from curriculum 2019:
# Faculties of Science and Medicine
Some study programmes at the faculties of Science and Medicine have specific mathematics admissions requirements. Due to the curriculum change, the following IB mathematics requirements will apply from 2021 onwards:
- Programmes currently requiring Math HL: Analysis & Approaches HL will be required
Programmes currently requiring Math SL: All math courses will be sufficient except Applications & Interpretation SL

# All other faculties

The IB curriculum change will not affect admission requirements at other faculties. A full IB diploma, without specific math requirements, will remain sufficient. However, for admissions to the Faculty of Social Science, it is strongly advised to take Analysis and Approaches SL or HL as a firm basis for your future studies.

• **Cambridge International Examinations**
  - Cambridge A-Levels in three general, academic subjects with grades A-C
    Accepted subjects: History, Biology, Classical Civilisation, Chemistry, Economics, Languages, Mathematics, Geography, Government and Politics, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Religion, and Sociology.
  - Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education
    This should also include three A-levels in academic subjects with grades A-C. See above for a list of preferred A-levels.
  - Cambridge Pre-University Diploma is sufficient for general admission.

• **US high school diploma from an international school outside the US**

  High School Diploma, College Preparatory programme with:
  - a minimum GPA of 3.5/4.0, and
  - three College Board AP exams (grades 4-5) in different subjects (not accepted are: AP studio Art; AP Capstone; AP Research; or AP Seminar)

  When applying, please upload your SAT (or ACT) exam scores, College Board results and information on your schools accreditation. If sufficient AP scores and/or GPA cannot be submitted or if AP courses are not offered at your school, in exceptional cases SAT general scores > 1300 (or ACT composite scores > 28) could be taken into account.

• **International Foundation (or Access) programmes for university admission**

  A strong general academic curriculum and very good results are required for admission, with your national diploma being the primary qualification in the assessment. Therefore, when applying, bear in mind that we need your national secondary school diploma and transcript, as well as your academic offer letter from the university that admitted you conditionally.

• **Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)**

  The CAPE is required with three double units in general/academic subjects and an overall grade of I-V.

**Foreign national diplomas**

**Algeria**

- Baccalauréat d’Enseignement Secondaire with a General Average score of at least 14 and also scores of 14 for each of the National Examinations
- Baccalauréat de Technicien: Not accepted. Students are advised to join a (Dutch) University of Applied Sciences (hbo)

**Argentina**
- Titulo de Bachiller in either Humanidades y ciencias sociales, Ciencias Naturales or Lenguas, with a Promedio General of at least 7.5.
The other streams: El arte y el diseño y la comunicación, Economía y gestión de la organización, and La producción de bienes y servicios, are only considered in combination with university results.

**Aruba**
- VWO diploma

**Austria**
- Reife(prüfungs)zeugnis from an Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule
- Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis from a Berufsbildende Höhere Schule

**Australia**
General /academic (no vocational) subjects and an ATAR are required. We accept Languages (e.g. English, French, Spanish), Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry) and Humanities/Social Sciences (History, Geography, Economics); vocational/applied subjects such as Theater, Tourism, Business, Home Economics, Media, Sports. Fine Arts, etc. are not accepted.

- Australian Capital Territory Year 12 Certificate (with at least 120 points, 3 major T courses and 1 minor T course) + an ATAR score of 70-100
- New South Wales Higher School Certificate (with at least 10 units of category A Board Developed Courses, including two English units) + an ATAR score of 70-100
- Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (with at least 80 credits completed, of which 60 credits consist of 20-credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects) + an ATAR score of 70-100
- Queensland Certificate of Education (with 20 semester units of Authority subjects obtained in addition to passing the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test) + an OP score of 1-14
- South Australian Certificate of Education (with at least 80 credits completed, of which 60 credits consist of 20-credit Tertiary Admissions Subjects) + an ATAR score of 70-100
- Tasmanian Certificate of Education (with a minimum of three subjects (year 12) at TQA level 3 / TCE level 5 / C Syllabus level) + an ATAR score of 70-100
- Victorian Certificate of Education (with passes in at least 5 grade 12 subjects (unit 3 or unit 4 subjects) + an ATAR score of 70-100
- Western Australia Certificate of Education (with at least four Year 12 WACE subjects) + an ATAR score of 70-100

**Belgium**
- Getuigschrift van Secondair Onderwijs (Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs)
- Getuigschrift van Secondair Onderwijs (Kunst Secundair Onderwijs): will be decided case by case
- Diplome d’Enseignement Secondaire (Enseignement Secondaire Général)
- Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts (Allgemeinbildende Unterricht)
**Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Diploma o položenom maturskom ispitu from a Gimnazija
- Diploma o Zavrženoj Srednjoj Skoli from a Gimnazija

**Bulgaria**
- Diploma Za Sredno Obrazovanie (general secondary education stream) from a Gimnazija or a Sredno obstooobrazovatelno uciliste with a final overall grade of at least 5.0.

**Brazil**
- Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio, with an average grade in the final year of 8.0/10 (when the minimum pass mark is 5.0 out of 10) and an average ENEM result of >600.
If you obtained your diploma in a previous year you are requested to submit your Vestibular or ENEM results too.

**Canada**
- Diplome d’Etudes Collegiales – Préuniversitaire
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma with at least 6 grade 12 Pre-U/M courses, including at least 4 U-courses, and an average score of 80% (see note)
- Alberta High School Diploma with at least five grade 12 S3 courses in general, academic subjects (see note) and a score of 80% in each subject (see note)
- British Columbia Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma with at least five grade 12 courses in general, academic subjects and a score of at least 80% in each subject (see note); career and personal subjects are not taken into consideration
- Manitoba High School Graduation Diploma with at least five credits awarded at grade 12 in S, G and U courses in general, academic subjects and a score of at least 80% in each subject (see note);
- New Brunswick High School Graduation Diploma with at least five grade 12 academic (level 2) courses (see note) and a score of at least 80% in each subject
- Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma with at least five, either academic (ACAD) or advanced (ADV), grade 12 courses in general, academic subjects (see note) and a score of at least 80% in each subject
- Saskatchewan Transcript of Secondary Level Achievement (grade 12) in at least five level 3000 (grade 12) courses in general, academic subjects (see note) and a score of at least 80% in each subject
- Yukon Certificate of Graduation with at least five grade 12 courses in general, academic subjects and a score of at least 80% in each subject; career and personal subjects are not taken into consideration (see note)

**Note:**
- We only accept subjects like Languages (e.g. English, French, Spanish), Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry) and Humanities/Social Sciences (History, Geography, Economics);
- Vocational/applied subjects such as Theater, Dance, Tourism, Business, Home Economics, Media, Sports, Arts, Fine Arts, Visual Arts, etc. are not accepted.
China
Graduation Certificate from Senior Middle School with a score of at least 85% (A) in all subjects and a Gaokao score of:
- 525 out of 750 (most provinces)
- 630 out of 900 (Hainan)
- 525 out of 750 (Zhejiang)
- 462 out of 660 (Shanghai)
- 336 out of 480 (Jiangsu)
- 540 out of 772 (Yunnan)

Chile
- Licencia de Educación (Enseñanza) Media Humanista-Científicos, with an average score (nota de enseñanza media) of 6 and a score of > 600 (scale: 150 to 850) for each Prueba de Selección Universitaria (PSU) exam and the Puntaje ranking.

Colombia
- Bachillerato Académico with an average mark of 4 (alto) out of 5 across all subjects and a Puesto score of 0-150 on the ICFES Saber 11 Examen de Estado.

Croatia
- Svjedodžba o (državnoj) Maturi (general/academic subjects) from a Gimnazija

Curaçao
- VWO diploma

Cyprus
Greek part:
- ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ from a public school with an average final score of at least 17.5 and none of the 4 final (national) exam subjects lower than a score of 17
Turkish Part:
- Lise Bitirme Diplomasi from a public school with an average score of at least 8.0

Note: Students attending a private, international school and following a US or UK curriculum are referred to the corresponding countries for the requirements. Apolytirio or Lise school leaving certificate equivalents are not accepted.

Czech Republic
- Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce (general/academic subjects) from a Gymnázium

Denmark
- Bevis for Studentereksamen
- Bevis for Hohere Forberedelseseksamen

Ecuador
- Título de Bachiller en Ciencias with a final average grade of at least 8.5 ('good') and an Examen Nacional para la Educación Superior (ENES) score of at least 800
Estonia
- Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus and a pass on the Riigieksamitunnistus

Finland
- Ylioppilastutkintotodistus

France
- Diplôme de Baccalauréate Générale
- Diplôme de Baccalauréate Générale – option International (OIB)

Note: The options OIB English and American grant exemption from the English test.

Germany
- Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur)

Georgia
- Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Sashualo Ganatlebis Atestasi), with no scores below 9.

If you completed high school in a previous year, we also need your NAEC Unified National University Entry Examinations (Ertiani Erovnuli Gamocdebi) results when you apply.

Greece
- ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΓΕΝΙΚΟΥ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ with an average score of at least 15 and a ΒΕΒΑΙΩΣΗ ΠΡΟΣΒΑΣΗΣ / ΒΕΒΑΙΩΣΗ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΟΧΗΣ with an average of at least 10.

LUC The Hague: ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΓΕΝΙΚΟΥ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ with an average score of at least 17 and a ΒΕΒΑΙΩΣΗ ΠΡΟΣΒΑΣΗΣ / ΒΕΒΑΙΩΣΗ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΟΧΗΣ with no score below 15.

Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) with levels 4-5 in the four core subjects and no subjects below 4.

Hungary
- Gymnaziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány

India
Students must have completed at least five general/academic subjects (Arts or Science streams; no Commerce stream) and attained:
- All India Senior School Certificate (CBSE) with each subject > 60%
- Indian School Certificate (CISCE) with each subject > 60%
- Senior Secondary Certificate (NIOS) with each subject > 70%
- Higher Secondary Certificate (State Boards) with each subject > 70%

Indonesia
- Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar: Sekolah Menengah Atas (STTB: SMA) and passing the Surat Hasil (Keterangan) Ujian Nasional (S(K)HUN), both with a score of at least 7.5 in each subjects
- The SMA alone can only be taken in consideration in combination with 1-2 years university results.
Iceland
- Studentprof from a Mentaskoli

Iran
- High School Diploma - Theoretical Stream (Nazari - from 2019) or Pre-University Certificate (before 2019) in the streams Literature and humanities / Mathematics and physics / Experimental sciences (biology) with an Overall Score of at least 15. When you have obtained your high school diploma in previous years, please submit your national Konkur Participation results as well, when applying for admission.
- High School Diploma – Technical/Vocational stream and Skills stream: not accepted. Students are advised to complete the first year of a university study programme with good results first.

Ireland
- Leaving Certificate
Required is a Leaving Certificate with a CAO score of at least 400 calculated over 6 accepted subjects (see below) including at least 3 Highers.
Accepted subjects: English, Irish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Arabic, Latin, Ancient Greek, Hebrew, all non-curricular languages, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Classical Studies, Geography, History, Religious Education, and Economics.
- The Leaving Certificate Applied is not accepted for admission

Israel
- Te’udat Bagrut with at least three general, academic subjects at unit level 4 or 5

Italy
- Diploma di Superamento Dell’Esame di Stato Conclusivo from a Liceo Classico, Liceo Scientifico, Liceo Linguistico, from a Liceo delle Scienze Humane, a Liceo delle Scienze della Formazione, or from a Instituto Magistrale
- Diplomas di Stato from an Instituto Tecnico, Liceo Artistico and an Instituto d’Arte are not accepted

Japan
- Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Senior High School diploma) in the general/academic stream (no vocational subjects) and with an (average) score of at least 4.5 (out of 5) and no subject scores below 4.
- A High School Equivalency Diploma is only taken into consideration in combination with at least 1-2 year university study with good results.

Jordan
- Certificate of General Secondary Education (tawjihi exam) from an academic school in the Literary or Science stream with a final ‘percentage average’ of at least 80%.
- Students from other streams and students from vocational or applied schools are advised to
complete at least one year university study with good results first.

**Korea, South**
- Graduation Diploma from an Academic or Special Purpose High School with a mark of at least A (or rank 2 out of 9) in each subject, and a CSAT Stanine score of 1-3 in each subject
- A High School Equivalency Diploma is only taken into consideration in combination with at least 1-2 year university study with good results.

**Latvia**
- Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību

**Lithuania**
- Brandos Atestatas from a Gimnazija or Licejus
- Students enrolled in, or who have graduated from, a Vidurine Mokykla will be considered for admission on an individual basis, depending on the relevant subjects, levels and results

**Luxembourg**
- Diplôme de fin d'Etudes Secondaires - Général from a Lycée Classique

**Malaysia**
- Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia with three principle passes in general, academic subjects with grades A-C
- Matriculation Certificate (Matrikulasi) with three principle passes in general, academic subjects with grades A-C
- Senior Unified Examination Certificate with an average >75% and a general, academic curriculum
- Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia – does not qualify for admission

**Malta**
- Matriculation Certificate from the University of Malta with an overall grade of A-C

**Mexico**
- Bachillerato General – Preparatoria with an average score of 9.0 and an Examen II score > 1200 (for the same (kind of) programme as you apply for in Leiden). The Examini test is a requirement for admission in Leiden. In order to join the Examini test, you have to apply for admission at a Mexican university, and we would like you to do so for the same (kind of) programme; please arrange this in time.

**Moldova**
- Diplomă de Bacalaureat in the streams (profilul): science (real); humanities (uman); bilingual studies (bilingv); and economics (economic), with a result of 8.0 in each of the 4 subjects of the Baccalaureate exam

**Morocco**
- Attestation du Baccalauréat, Série: Lettres (Modernes / Originelle) with a General Average of at least 14 and also scores of 14 for each of the 5 National Examinations
- Attestation du Baccalauréat, Série: Sciences (Expérimentales / Mathématique / Originelle) a General Average of at least 14 and also scores of 14 for each of the 5 National Examinations
- Attestation du Baccalauréat, Série: Technique does not grant admission
- Diplôme de Technicien does not grant admission

**New Zealand**
- National Certificate in Educational Achievement Level 3 including at least 3 general/academic ‘approved’ NCEA subjects endorsed with Merit at level 3, and a University Entrance Certificate

**Norway**
- Vitnemal fra den Videregaende skolen - Specialisation in General Studies (Studiesspecialisering)

**Panama**
- Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras from an Enseñanza General with a score of 4.5 (>90%) in all subjects.

**Peru**
- Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria in a general stream with a grade of at least 16 ('Muy Bueno' - very good) in all subjects

**Philippines**
- High School Diploma (grade 10) does not qualify for admission; you will need a university bachelor’s diploma to be considered for admission
- High School Diploma (grade 12 – from 2018) with very good results may qualify for admission; this will be decided case by case.

**Poland**
- Swiadectwo Ukonczenia Liceum Ogólnokształcacego and a Swiadectwo Dojrzałości from the Okregowa or the Centralna Komisja Egzaminacyjna

**Portugal**
- Diploma or Certificado Nível Secundário Educação in the Cursos Científicos Humanísticos stream (no Artes Visuais), an official Certidão (de Habilitações) with a Média Final of at least 14 (out of 20) and a Classificações para Acesso ao Ensino Superior (ENES) with scores of at least 120 over 4 national (entrance) exams

**Notes:**
- When applying, please make sure that your transcript indicates the stream. The other streams will only be considered in combination with relevant university results.
- For admission to a programme in social sciences mathematics is required; Matemática Aplicada às Ciências Sociais is advised.

**Romania**
- Diplomă de Baccalaureate - Filiera Teoretică (theoretical track)
- Students who would like to join a social science programme (psychology, anthropology or political science) and have no mathematics in their final high school year, can expect a test of mathematics.
Russian Federation
- Attestat o Sredнем (polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii with a score of 5 in each subject and passing the Yediniy gosudarstvenniy ekzamen (EGE) with a score of at least 70 in 4 subjects (mathematics, Russian and 2 electives).

Serbia
- Diploma o stecenom srednem obrazovanju from a Gimnazije
Note: Diplomas from vocational schools do not grant admission

Singapore
- Three H2 Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-levels in general/academic subjects with grades A-C

Sint Maarten
- VWO diploma

Slovakia
- Vysvedcenie o Maturitnej Skúse (general/academic subjects) from a Gymnázium

Slovenia
- Spričevalo o Splosni Maturi from a Gimnazia

South Africa
- National Senior Certificate (UMALUSI or IEB) with scores of at least 70% in each of the 7 subjects (see notes for accepted subjects) and you must also have met the minimum requirement for admission to a Bachelor’s degree programme in your country;
Notes:
- Accepted subjects: home/first official language, second official language, economics, geography, religion studies, history, mathematics, physical sciences, and life sciences; mathematical literacy is not preferred, but accepted.
- Mathematics, however, is required for admission to a programme in social sciences (mathematical literacy is not sufficient)
- Students who have taken English as home/first language will be exempted from the English test; First Additional Language English, however, does not grant exemption.

Spain
- Bachillerato (Titulo de Bachiller) with an average score of at least 7.0 and passing the university PAU/EBAU/EvAU exams with a score of 6.0 for each of the 4-5 common exams of the Fase General

Surinam
- VWO diploma
- Schakeljaar Anton de Kom Universiteit is not accepted for admission

Sweden
- Examensbevis Högskoleförberedande Examen
- Examensbevis Yrkesexamen: Students are advised to join a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) and complete the first year with good results, first.
- Avgangsbetyg / Slutbetyg från gymnasiskolan in one of the following six programmes: Naturvetenskapsprogrammet; Samhällsvetenskapliga programmet; Naturvetenskapsprogrammet, teknisk gren; Ekonomiprogrammet; and Humanistiska programmet. Important: You must have completed one of these national programmes and attained results that are good enough for general university admission in Sweden.

**Switzerland**
- Attestato di Maturità from the Confederazione Svizzera
- Maturitätszeugnis from the Schweizerische Eidgenössenschaft
- Certificat de Maturité from the Confédération Suisse

Note: The diploma should be federally recognized: either a Swiss federal maturity certificate, or a cantonal maturity certificate recognized by Swiss federation; a cantonal maturity certificate that is not federally recognized, is not accepted.

**Taiwan**
- Senior High School Diploma (academic, not vocational) with average results > 85% and a GSAT score of > 61; please upload your GSAT and (if also taken) your AST results when you apply

**Thailand**
- Certificate of Secondary Education (Maw 6) with a final GPA of at least 3.5 (B+), with no subjects lower than 3
If you have already graduated, please also upload your O-NET, GAT, PAT results.

**Tunisia**
- Diplôm du Baccalauréat with a moyenne final of at least 14
We accept the following streams: Experimental sciences; Languages (Literature); Humanities and social sciences; and Mathematics.
Students in the streams Economics (Management) and Technology are advised to join a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) and complete the first year with good results, first.

**Turkey**
- Lise Diplomasi from a Genel Lise with a Diploma Puani (Notu) of at least 80%.
If you have already obtained your diploma, please submit your Öğrenci Secme Sinavi (ÖSS) results.
-The Imam-Hatip Lise Diplomasi, Meslek Lisesi Diplomasi and Teknik Lisesi Diplomasi will only be considered in combination with university results.

**Ukraine**
- Atestat pro Povnu Zagal'nu Sersdniu Osvitu with an average score of 10 (out of 12) and passing the Independent External Examination with a score of at least 10 in each subject

**United Kingdom**
England:
- At least three GCE A-levels in general, academic subjects (see note below for accepted subjects) with grades A-C. When applying, please upload your GCSE and, A/S-level or last year (grade 12) results and your predicted A-level results (statement from school). Please note that an A/S level is not sufficient, and that 2 A/S levels do not add up to an A-level.
- Vocational qualifications, even though taken at the same National Qualifications Framework level 3, are not considered sufficient for admission.

Scotland:
- Scottish Qualification Certificate with at least four Scottish Highers and/or Advanced Highers in general, academic subjects (see note below for accepted subjects) with grades A-B for the Higher and A-C for the Advanced Higher subjects (so, 4 Highers with grades A-B are at least required).

Wales:
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma with three A-levels in general, academic subjects (see note below for accepted subjects) with grades A-C

Note:
- Accepted subjects: History, Biology, Classical Civilisation, Chemistry, Economics, Languages, Literature, Mathematics, Geography, Government and Politics, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Religion, and Sociology.

United States
- High School Diploma, College Preparatory programme with a minimum GPA of 3.5 out of 4.0, and 3 APs from the College Board with grades 4-5 in different subjects (not accepted are: AP studio Art; AP Capstone; AP Research; and AP Seminar).
When applying, please upload –if available- your SAT or ACT exam scores and your (grade 11) College Board results too. If sufficient AP scores and/or GPA cannot be submitted or if AP courses are not offered at your school, in exceptional cases SAT general scores > 1300 (or ACT composite scores > 28) could be taken into account.
- General Education Development (GED) diploma will only be considered in combination with very good university results and/or AP results.
- Associate in Arts/Sciences degree could be considered for admission in case of a strong academic curriculum and a GPA of at least 3.0; an Associate in Applied Arts/Sciences is not accepted.

Venezuela
- Título de Bachiller – Educación Media General (Título de Bachiller en Humanidades or a Título de Bachiller en Ciencias), with an average score (promedio) in the final year of at least 16 and all subjects > 14

Vietnam
- Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phổ Thông Trung Học (Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma) with a score of 8 in each of the four national examinations