



ALMA MATER
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

Cambridge International School

Subject Choices 2017/18

Student name and surname		
CIE Exam number		
Parent/Guardian	Mr/Mrs :	
I have read and accept the Admission Policy of Alma Mater.	Student:	Parent/Guardian:
I have read and understand the UNIVERSITIES SOUTH AFRICA requirements.	Student:	Parent/Guardian:
I understand that Part Time courses offered are subject to demand.	Student:	Parent/Guardian:
Date of signature	Date:	Date:

How to choose your subjects

- The following age groups are recommended:**
 - Cambridge Secondary 2 for 14-16 years: Cambridge IGCSE (Grade 8-10)
 - Cambridge Advanced for 16-19 years: Cambridge International A and AS Level (Grade 11-13)
 - ICE is the group award of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and requires the study of subjects drawn from the five different IGCSE subject groups.
- Ensure that your subject choices adhere to the Universities South Africa requirements for exemption on page 4 if you do want to go to university.
- Choose subjects from the correct groups on page 4 to ensure that you will be able to go to university.
- Afrikaans, English First Language and Mathematics (either Extended or Core) are compulsory subjects up to the end of IGCSE. **Physics and Chemistry are highly recommended.**
- If a student wants to continue with a subject on AS-Level a C-symbol on the IGCSE Extended level is the minimum requirement.
- Afrikaans 2nd Language can be written off at the end of Grade 10 only if an A or B symbol is achieved AND at least a B symbol for IGCSE English.
- Core and extended options are available at IGCSE level in Mathematics only. Please note – an IGCSE subject on Core cannot be taken on AS Level.
- Personal Growth Programme (PGP) is a compulsory course additional to the minimum subject requirements per grade.

MINIMUM SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS PER GRADE:

IGCSE COURSE		
GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10
Subject choices only to be done at the end of Gr 8.	Choose 7 subjects from the subject list. 3 Compulsory: English 1 st Language, Afrikaans 2 nd Language and Mathematics. Choose another 4 subjects.	Continue with 7 subjects. Permission required from the Principal/Deputy Principal to make changes to subject choices.
AS/A LEVEL COURSES		
AS LEVEL: GR 11 & 12	A LEVEL: A1 & A2	A LEVEL: YEAR 13
6 Subjects are recommended. A minimum of 4 AS Level subjects are required.	6 Subjects are recommended for A1. Continue with 3 subjects on A2.	3 Subjects are recommended. Symbols required B and above.

Entrance to Degree Courses according to Universities South Africa (Higher Education South Africa) (NSC Matric with Exemption)

- 4 x AS Levels passes at grade D *plus* 1 x IGCSE at grade C
- 2 x A Level passes at grade E *plus* 3 x IGCSE at grade C

Entrance to Diploma and Certificate Courses according to South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) (NSC Grade 12 Equivalence)

- 2 x AS Level passes at grade E *plus* 3 x IGCSE at grade C
- 2 x AS Level passes at grade E *plus* 5 x IGCSE at grade E
- 1 x A Level pass at grade E *plus* 5 x IGCSE at grade E

University of Pretoria General Admission Requirements

APS	NSC	SC HG M-Score	SC SG M-Score	HIGCSE / NSSC HL	IGCSE/ GCSE		AS-Level	A-level	IB HL	IB SL	APS
					NSSC OL/ O-Level	Gr-11					
10								A	7		10
9											9
8								B	6		8
7	7 (80-100%)	A		1	A		A	C	5	7	7
6	6 (70-79%)	B	A	2	B		B	D	4	6	6
5	5 (60-69%)	C	B	3	C	A	C	E	3	5	5
4	4 (50-59%)	D	C		D	B	D		2	4	4
3	3 (40-49%)	E	D	4	E	C	E		1	3	3
2	2 (30-39%)	F	E		F	D/E				2	2
1	1 (0-29%)	G	F		G	F/G				1	1

NSC – National Senior Certificate (completed Grade 12 in and after 2008)
 SC HG – Senior Certificate Higher Grade (completed Grade 12 before 2008)
 SC SG – Senior Certificate Standard Grade (completed Grade 12 before 2008)
 HIGCSE – Higher International General Certificate of Secondary Education

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 NSSC – Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate
 A-Level – Advanced Level
 O-Level – Ordinary Level
 AS – Advanced Subsidiary Level
 IB – International Baccalaureate Schools (Higher Levels & Standard Levels)

* Subject to change.

ALMA MATER SUBJECT LIST: CIRCLE SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOICE

COURSES	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	AS LEVEL		A LEVEL		A LEVEL
				GRADE 11	GRADE 12	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	YEAR 13
LANGUAGES	Introduction to IGCSE	IGCSE	IGCSE	AS Level	AS Level	A1	A2	A1 & A2
Afrikaans Language	N/A	N/A	N/A	8679	8679	8679	8679	N/A
Afrikaans 2nd Language	Compulsory	0548	0548	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English 1st Language	Compulsory	0500	0500	9093	9093	9093	9093	9093
French Foreign Language	N/A	0520	0520	8682	8682	9716	9716	9716
IsiZulu 2 nd Language*	N/A	0531	0531	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCIENCES	Introduction to IGCSE	IGCSE	IGCSE	AS Level	AS Level	A Level	A Level	A Level
Biology	Compulsory	0610	0610	9700	9700	9700	9700	9700
Mathematics (Core)	N/A	0580	0580	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics (Extended)	Compulsory	0580	0580	9709	9709	9709	9709	9709
Physics	Compulsory	0625	0625	9702	9702	9702	9702	9702
Chemistry	Compulsory	0620	0620	9701	9701	9701	9701	9701
HUMANITIES/ VOCATIONAL	Introduction to IGCSE	IGCSE	IGCSE	AS Level	AS Level	A Level	A Level	A Level
Accounting	Compulsory	0452	0452	9706	9706	*9706	*9706	*9706
Art & Design	Compulsory	0400	0400	9704	9704	*9704	*9704	*9704
Business Studies	Compulsory	0450	0450	9609	9609	*9609	*9609	*9609
Computer Science	Compulsory	0478	0478	9608	9608	*9608	*9608	*9608
Design & Technology	Compulsory	0445	0445	9705	9705	*9705	*9705	*9705
Economics	Compulsory	0455	0455	9708	9708	*9708	*9708	*9708
Geography	Compulsory	0460	0460	9696	9696	*9696	*9696	*9696
Personal Growth Programme (PGP)	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory

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UNIVERSITIES SOUTH AFRICA MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPTION FOR BACHELOR DEGREE PURPOSES.

Complete Exemption	Number of Required Subjects	Minimum Qualification Combination	Minimum Grade Required	Subject Group Requirements	Notes
Cambridge International A Level	5	2 subjects at A Level PLUS 3 subjects at IGCSE Level	E C	Students must choose ONE subject from each of Groups I, II and III at either A Level or IGCSE Level. The fourth and fifth subjects for either A Level or IGCSE Level may be taken from any of the groups.	More than one subject can be chosen from a group providing that the minimum requirements have been met.
Cambridge International A Level	4	3 subjects at A Level PLUS 1 subject at IGCSE Level	E C	Students must choose ONE subject from each of Groups I, II and III at either A Level or IGCSE Level. The fourth subject for either A Level or IGCSE Level may be taken from any of the groups.	
Cambridge International AS Level	5	4 subjects at AS Level PLUS 1 subject at IGCSE Level	D C	<u>Students must choose ONE subject from Group I OR II and TWO subjects from two of Groups III, IV and V.</u> <u>The fourth and fifth subjects for either AS Level or IGCSE Level may be taken from any of the groups. English First Language should be offered and passed at appropriate level. N.B. Two languages must be offered to qualify for complete exemption.</u>	More than one subject can be chosen from a group providing that the minimum requirements have been met. EXPLANATION OF THE TWO-SITTING RULE Candidates qualifying for the above exemptions for Bachelor Degree purposes need to meet the minimum requirements in two examination sittings. Examinations taken in the same calendar year are regarded as ONE sitting.
Cambridge AICE	5	5 subjects at AS Level (full credit)	D	Students must achieve passes in: – English Language – at least one subject from Group II – at least one of the following: Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Economics or Geography The fourth and fifth subjects may be taken from any of the groups.	Where a subject is not examined in Oct/Nov of May/June session, the following or preceding Oct/Nov or May/June session will be regarded as the same sitting, e.g. Afrikaans Language is not offered by Cambridge in the May/June session.

RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES SOUTH AFRICA SUBJECT LIST.

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V	Ungrouped but recognised subjects
English Language	Afrikaans	3 rd language (which is not offered as part of Group 2 requirement).	Art and Design	Accounting	Literature in English (see note below).
English Language and Literature	German	Biology	Biology	Business Studies	Literature in English is a recognised subject but does not meet any grouping requirements and therefore will not be taken into account for exemption purposes.
			Chemistry		
			Physics		
	IsiZulu	Mathematics	Economics	Design and Technology	All Group V subjects at Cambridge International AS Level are only recognised if the candidate has passed IGCSE Mathematics with a minimum of grade C.
	Italian	Physical Science	Geography	Computer Science	
	Portuguese	Physics	History		
	Setswana	Chemistry	Mathematics		
	Spanish	Combined Science	Music		
	French	Co-ordinated Science	Physical Science		