

Explanatory Notes on the Calculation of Average HKDSE Scores

1. Starting from 2020-21 admissions exercise, the following conversion points has been adopted for calculation of average HKDSE Score. No subject weighting is applied in the average HKDSE Score calculation.

Core and Elective Subjects:

5** = 8.5, 5* = 7, 5 = 5.5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1 and Unclassified = 0

Applied Learning Subjects:

Attained with Distinction (II) (accepted as Level 4 at HKDSE) = 4,

Attained with Distinction / Attained with Distinction (I) (accepted as Level 3 at HKDSE) = 3,

Attained = 0 (applicable to Bachelor's Degree programmes only),

Attained (accepted as Level 2 at HKDSE) = 2 (applicable to Higher Diploma programmes only)

Other Languages:

A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1, Others = 0

2. Scores of previous years (2019-20 and 2018-19 admissions exercises), which adopted a different conversion points for Core and Elective Subjects[#], can be viewed at below URL:
https://www.polyu.edu.hk/aradm/jupas/admission_figures.pdf

[#] *Core and Elective Subjects (for 2019-20 and before)*

5** = 7, 5* = 6, 5 = 5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1 and Unclassified = 0

3. Starting from 2017-18, **one** of the following mechanisms is adopted for calculating the average HKDSE scores for Bachelor's Degree programmes:
 - **Any Best 5 Subjects:** The "best" 5 HKDSE subjects will be taken into account.
 - **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects:** Chinese Language and English Language, plus any 3 "best" subjects will be taken into account.
 - **Any Best 6 Subjects:** The "best" 6 HKDSE subjects will be taken into account.
 - **4 Core + Best 2 Elective Subjects:** The 4 core subjects including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies, plus 2 "best" elective subjects will be taken into account.

For Higher Diploma programmes, the **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects** mechanism is used. The average HKDSE score point total of admittees is calculated based on their results in Chinese, English and 3 other subjects which have the best results.