

Explanatory Notes on the Calculation of Average HKDSE Scores

1. Starting from 2020-21 admissions exercise, the following set of 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.