

Explanatory Notes on the Calculation of Average HKDSE Scores

- Starting from 2020/21 admissions exercise, the following set of conversion points has been adopted for calculation of HKDSE Score.

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

Other Languages:

Other Language Subjects Grade Attainments (2024 and before)	Converted Level Points for Scores Calculation	
A	5	
B	4	
C	3	
D	2	
E	1	
Unclassified	0	
Other Language Subjects Grade Attainments (from 2025 onwards)	Level/Grade Attainments	Converted Level Points for Scores Calculation
● Japanese: Japanese-Language Proficiency Test	N1	8.5
	N2	5.5
	N3	3
● Korean: Test of Proficiency in Korean II	6	8.5
	5	7
	4	4
	3	3
● French: Advanced Diploma of French Language Studies/Diploma of French Language Studies ● German: Goethe-Certificate ● Spanish: Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language	C2	8.5
	C1	7
	B2	5.5
	B1	4
	A2	3

Other Language Subjects Grade Attainments (from 2026 onwards)	Level/Grade Attainments	Converted Level Points for Scores Calculation
Urdu: Urdu (International)	A++	8.5
	A+	
	A	7
	B++	5.5
	B+	
	B	4
	C	3
	D	2
	E	

- Starting from 2024/25, the level attainment of Citizenship and Social Development / Liberal Studies would NOT be included in the admission score calculation.
- The average HKDSE Score **with** subject weighting is calculated based on the ***Subject Level Point x Subject Weighting***.

One of the following mechanisms is adopted for calculating the scores for Bachelor's Degree programmes for 2026/27:

- Any Best 5 Subjects:** The "best" 5 HKDSE subjects (after subject weightings have been applied) will be taken into account.
- Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects:** Chinese Language and English Language, plus any 3 "best" subjects (after subject weightings have been applied) will be taken into account.
- Any Best 5 Subjects (plus an additional bonus score for the 6th subject with Level 3 or above):** The "best" 5 HKDSE subjects plus an additional bonus score for the 6th subject with Level 3 or above (after subject weightings have been applied) will be taken into account.
- Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects (plus an additional bonus score for the 6th subject with Level 3 or above):** Chinese Language and English Language, plus any 3 "best" subjects plus an additional bonus score for the 6th subject with Level 3 or above (after subject weightings have been applied) will be taken into account.

Please click [here](#) for the bonus score calculation.