

UCAS POINTS TARIFFS 2018 Entry

Some universities make offers based on achieving a certain number of UCAS points rather than a set of grades (the Unifrog university tool also uses these). The points scores associated with each grade of qualification are changing for students who will starting courses in 2017 but this will **not in itself change entry requirements for courses**. Universities and colleges are autonomous organisations and each year they decide how to set their entry requirements. Those that use UCAS Tariff points to express their entry requirements will simply set these using the new number system. From May 2016, all courses should display only the new tariff but for a while you may see old and new points. More information can be found at: www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/tariff/new-tariff. A vast range of qualifications are listed and can be very confusing so summarised below are the key ones that cover A2, AS, the Extended Project and BTEC as taken in TBSHS.

Some key points to remember:

- Universities normally give a points offer based **only on what is achieved in your A2s or BTEC** and **do not count AS points** towards the total. Check the small print or make sure you clarify this by asking the question at an Open Day or by contacting the admissions department
- Universities that give a UCAS point offer may also specify a particular grade or number of points that you need in a subject
- There are also UCAS points associated with speech, drama and music awards (practical and theory) at grades 6, 7 and 8. You only count points for the highest grade that you have passed. Check the UCAS Tariff tables.

Calculating UCAS Points

There is a Tariff Calculator on UCAS -[The UCAS Tariff calculator | UCAS](#) but it can be simply done as follows:

Look up the point values of your predicted A2 grade for the subjects that you are taking through to A2 and/or your final BTEC predicted level. For example: a student is predicted History A, English B, Politics C for their A2s.

From the A2 Level column Points = 48 + 40 + 32 = 120

Therefore, **Total Predicted UCAS Points = 120**

They dropped Biology after AS in which they got a D. Points from AS column = 10

Therefore, **if university will accept points from AS, Total Predicted UCAS Points = 130**

- NB:**
- You **do not** add the AS **and** the A level points for any subject taken to A2, i.e. you only count the highest level of qualification in a subject.
 - AS levels are now deemed to be worth 40% of an A2 rather than 50% under the old system (The Extended Project is an exception to this and still is scored at 50% of an A2).

GCE A Level (A2)	UCAS Tariff Points		Extended Project	UCAS Tariff Points	
	New from 2017 Entry	Old Tariff		New from 2017 Entry	Old Tariff
A*	56	140	A*	28	70
A	48	120	A	24	60
B	40	100	B	20	50
C	32	80	C	16	40
D	24	60	D	12	30
E	16	40	E	8	20
GCE AS LEVEL (AS)			BTEC (Nationals) Diploma		
A	20	60	D*D*	112	280
B	16	50	D*D	104	260
C	12	40	DD	96	240
D	10	30	DM	80	200
E	6	20	MM	64	160
			MP	48	120
			PP	32	80