

International Qualifications

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International Qualifications: Undergraduate Courses

Due to the range of overseas qualifications, potential applicants are advised to contact the International Student Recruitment Officer in writing with full details of their qualifications, the syllabus and the course they wish to apply for so that advice may be given. The easiest way to do this is by email: internationalstudent@sruc.ac.uk

As all teaching, learning materials, and assessment is in English, competency in written, spoken and the understanding of English must be demonstrated. SRUC prefers the Academic IELTS exam as proof of English language level, but we will accept a range of equivalent qualifications. Details of competence required are available on the following website: www.sruc.ac.uk/englishlanguage

SRUC uses the UK NARIC (www.naric.org.uk) to assess the equivalence of overseas qualifications.

Standard Entry Requirements

The minimum general entry requirements for Higher Education courses, in terms of UK qualifications, are outlined here.

Literacy and Numeracy

All applicants are normally expected to have a Standard grade (1-3), GCSE (A-C) or equivalent pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and in Mathematics or equivalent, as evidence of numeracy skills.

Standard Entry Requirements for Degree courses:

Applicants must hold a minimum of 4 Scottish Highers (Grades BBCC), 3 A-Levels (Grades BCC), or equivalent qualification. Specific subjects may be required for some courses.

Standard Entry Requirements for HNC and HND courses:

Applicants must hold a minimum of 2 Scottish Highers (Grades CC), 1 A-Level pass, or equivalent qualification. Specific subjects may be required for some courses.

Advanced Entry:

Advanced Entry onto SRUC's courses is possible with a range of qualifications such as HNC, HND and foundation degrees. For further information, please contact SRUC's Admissions team.

Equivalent Qualifications

Standard Minimum Entry Requirements are given in terms of Scottish Highers and A-Levels, though a wide range of qualifications are accepted as equivalent. Those offering alternative qualifications such as the Irish Leaving Certificate, Scottish/ European/ International Baccalaureate and other international qualifications, should contact SRUC's Admissions team for guidance and advice as to the acceptability and equivalence of their qualifications.

Course Structure



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
HNC			
HND			
General Degree - BA/ BSc			
Honours Degree – BA (Hons)/ BSc (Hons)			

The information in this document is intended as a guideline only.

Each application to study at SRUC will be assessed individually, and admission to our courses is at the discretion of the College Principal, acting on the advice of the Admissions Manager. Please refer to our prospectus or contact a Student Recruitment Officer or the Admissions Officer for your chosen course for further information or guidance.

Specific country information is given in the following pages. If information is not present for your country, please **contact us**:

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Additional countries are available on request



Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate

Achievement of the IB Diploma is accepted in fulfilment of general entry requirements for degree programmes. Where specific subjects are required, these should have been taken to Higher level.

Higher level English language study within the diploma, along with confirmation of ability to manage the English-taught programme at SRUC in the accompanying reference, will normally satisfy our English language entry requirements for applicants from EU countries. Ideally, however, those speaking English as a second language should sit an IELTS or TOEFL examination prior to application.

Those applying from outwith the EU must sit a formal English Language exam as part of the visa process, and achieving an appropriate IELTS score (or equivalent) will be one of the conditions of acceptance.

For those achieving IB certificates, we would consider each Higher level subject taken as equivalent to a Scottish Higher in terms of our entry requirements, where Grade 5 is equivalent to a B and Grade 4 equivalent to a C.

While the above holds generally true, baccalaureate students are considered on a case-by-case basis, so we recommend that as much information as possible is provided on application.

European Baccalaureate

Achievement of the European Baccalaureate with a minimum score of 70 is accepted in fulfilment of general entry requirements for degree programmes. Where specific subjects are required, a minimum score of 7 must be achieved in this subject.

Those who studied the Baccalaureate in English will not be required to provide further proof of English language ability. Those speaking English as a second language to whom the Baccalaureate was not taught in English, should sit an IELTS or TOEFL examination prior to application.

Those applying from outwith the EU must sit a formal English Language exam as part of the visa process, and achieving an appropriate IELTS score (or equivalent) will be one of the conditions of acceptance.

Applicants to HNC or HND courses will be expected to pass the Baccalaureate with a minimum score of 60. Again, a minimum score of 7 must be achieved in any "required" subject.

While the above holds generally true, baccalaureate students are considered on a case-by-case basis, so we recommend that as much information as possible is provided on application.



Australia

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (ACT/ HSC/ NTCE/ QSCE/ SACE/ TCE/ VCE/ VCAL/ WACE) along with a UAI/ ENTER/ TER of at least 87
- AQF Diploma

Entry into HNC/HND Courses:

- Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (ACT/ HSC/ NTCE/ QSCE/ SACE/ TCE/ VCE/ VCAL/ WACE) along with a UAI/ ENTER/ TER of at least 65
- AQF Certificate IV

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- AQF Advanced Diploma
- Associate Degree

Belgium

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur / Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs complete and pass with an average of 70%, achieving 70% in any required subject.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses:

- Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur / Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs complete and pass, achieving 50% in any required subject.

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Gegradueerde/ Graduat
- Kandidaat/ Candidat

Bulgaria

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Pass Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) with a minimum average grade of 4. Required subjects must score at least grade 5
- Pass Diploma za Sredno Spetsialno Obrazovanie /Svidetelstvo za Profesionalna Kvalifikasia (Diploma of Completed Secondary Specialised Education) with a minimum average grade of 4. Required subjects must score at least grade 5

Entry into HNC/HND Courses:

- Pass Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education)
- Pass Diploma za Sredno Spetsialno Obrazovanie /Svidetelstvo za Profesionalna Kvalifikasia (Diploma of Completed Secondary Specialised Education)

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Diploma za Zavarsheno Poluvisshe Obrazovanie (DZPO)
- Diploma Specialist

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Canada

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Regional High School Graduation Diploma/ Secondary School Diploma with a minimum average of 75% in 5 acceptable subjects
- Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales (DEC)

Entry into HNC/HND Courses:

- Regional High School Graduation Diploma/ Secondary School Diploma with at least 50% in 4 acceptable subjects
- Attestation de Specialisation Professionnelle
- Attestation d'Etudes Collegiales

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as a Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)

Cyprus

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Apolytirion of Lykeion or Apolytirion of Lykeion in Technical subjects (STVE) (Average of 17, with at least grade 18 in any required subjects)
- Devlet Lise Diploması and 1 year of Undergraduate University study or foundation year, or 2 A-Levels at CC.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Apolytirion of Lykeion (Pass, with at least grade 17 in any required subjects)

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Associate degree / Diploma /
- Advanced Diploma / Higher Diploma

Czech Republic

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Maturitní Zkouška / Maturita (overall pass with an average Grade of 3 and at least Grade 2 in any required specific subject)
- Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Maturitní Zkouška / Maturita (overall pass with at least Grade 3 in any required specific subject))

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Absolutorium
- Bakalár



Denmark

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- HHX/HTX - Grade 10
- Studentereksamen or Forberedelseseksamen (HF) – Pass at Grade 4 with at least a 7 in any required subjects

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Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- HHX/HTX - Grade 4
- Studentereksamen or Forberedelseseksamen (HF) – Pass with at least a 4 in any required subjects

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Short cycle higher education diploma (AK)
- Afgangsbevis / Eksamensbevis

Finland

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Ylioppilastutkinto / studentexamen with at least Grade 4 (C), and achieving Grade 5 (M) in any required subjects.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Ylioppilastutkinto / studentexamen – Pass (A), and achieving Grade 4 (C) in any required subjects.

Advanced entry into Year 3 of a degree course is possible with a relevant qualification such as:

- Kandidaatti/ Kandidat.

France

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Baccalauréat or Baccalauréat Technologique – Pass with a minimum average mark of 11, achieving at least 12 in any required subjects.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Baccalauréat or Baccalauréat Technologique - Pass achieving at least 10 in any required subjects
- Brevet de Technicien (BT)

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Brevet de Technicien Supérieur
- Diplôme d'Etat de Technicien
- Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie



Germany

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur with an average mark of 2.5 and achieving at least 10 in any required subjects
- Fachgebundene Hochschulreife/ Fachhochschulreife at Grade 2

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur (Pass), and achieving at least a 7 in any required subjects
- Berufsschulabschluß, Berufsfachschulabschluß
- Fachgebundene Hochschulreife/ Fachhochschulreife

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Berufsakademien Diplom / Studienakademien Diplom / Diplom (BA)
- Fachschulabschluss

Greece

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ / Apolytirio with an average grade of 17.5, and achieving Excellent (minimum of 18) in any required subjects.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ / Apolytirio with an average grade of 14, and achieving a minimum of 16 in any required subjects.

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- ΠΤΥΧΙΟ (Diploma/Degree (AEN))
- ΠΤΥΧΙΟ (Diploma/Degree (TEI))

Hungary

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Erettsegi / Matura: Overall pass with an average Grade of 3.5 and at least Grade 4 in any required specific subject

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Erettsegi / Matura (pass) with at least a pass in any required subject
- Szakközépiskola Érettségi Bizonyítvány

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Foiskola Oklevel



Ireland

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- 4 Leaving Certificate passes (Higher Level) at BBCC including at least Grade C in any required subjects
- Level 6 Advanced Certificate
- Level 6 Higher Certificate

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- 2 Leaving Certificate passes (Higher Level) at CC
- Level 5 Certificate

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Level 8 Higher Diploma
- Ordinary Bachelor Degree

Italy

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Esame di Stato – minimum grade of 75
- Diploma di Maturità
- IFTS / Diploma Certificato di Specializzazione Tecnica Superiore

Entry into HNC/HND Courses:

- Esame di Stato – pass

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Diploma Universitario.

Latvia

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību – pass with an average of Grade 7, with advanced study in any required subjects.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību – pass with an average of Grade 5, with advanced study in any required subjects.
- Diploms par arodizglītību

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Diploms par augstāko profesionālo izglītību (level V)



Lithuania

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Brandos Atestatas (Grade 6)
- Aukštojo Mokslo Diplomas

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Brandos Atestatas (pass)

Advanced entry into year 2 of a degree courses may be offered to those with a highly relevant Aukštojo Mokslo Diplomas.

Advanced entry into year 3 of an Honours degree course may be offered to those with a highly relevant Bakalauro Diplomas.

Netherlands

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) diploma – pass with an average of Grade 7 including Grade 7 in any required subjects.
- Propedeuse

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) diploma – pass with an average of Grade 5.5 including Grade 6 in any required subjects.
- Propedeuse

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications.

Poland

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Świadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura: Average of 67% in three advanced subjects including a pass of 70% in any required subjects.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Świadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura: Pass including 50% pass in any required subjects
- Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Profilowanego/Technicznego/Zawodowego/Technikum
- Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum Ogólnokształcącego
- Świadectwo Ukończenia Szkoły Policealnej

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Licencjat / Inżynier
- Dyplom Ukończenia Szkoły Pomaturalnej



Portugal

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Diploma de Ensino Secundário: Pass with Grade 14 or above, including Grade 15 in any required subject.
- Diploma de Especialização Tecnológica in a relevant subject.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Diploma de Ensino Secundário: Pass with Grade 12 or above, including Grade 12 in any required subject.

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Bacharel / Bacharelato

Slovakia

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with an average of Grade 2,5 and Grade 2 in any required subject.

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with an average of Grade 4 and Grade 3 in any required subject.

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Vysvedčenie o absolventskej skúške / Absolventský diplom

Spain

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Título de Bachiller with an average overall score of 6.7 and a score of 7 in any required subject and 67% in the PAU.
- Técnico Superior in a related subject

Entry into HNC/HND Courses

- Título de Bachiller with an average overall score of 5 and 6 in any required subject and 50% in the PAU.
- Título de Técnico Especialista in a related subject

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Arquitecto Técnico, Ingeniero Técnico, Diplomatura



Sweden

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola Average of G (Godkänd) with G in any required subjects
- Kvalificerad Yrkesexamen (40 poäng - KY)

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Högskoleexamen
- Kvalificerad Yrkesexamen (80 poäng - KY)

Switzerland

For entry into Year 1 of degree or HND/C courses:

School leaving certificates such as:

- Maturité Cantonale
- Baccalauréat Vaudois
- Certificat d'École de Culture Générale
- Kantonale Maturität
- Maturità Cantonale
- Maturitätszeugnis

with grades of 4-5/ genügend/ suffisant/ sufficiente including passes in any required subjects.

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as:

- Diplôme d'École Technique Supérieure/ Diplôme École Supérieure Spécialisée
- Diplom Höhere

USA

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- High School Diploma [GPA 3.25 with good grades in relevant subjects]
- **plus** a minimum score of 550 in each part of the SAT1 **or** a minimum composite score of 26 in the ACT
- **plus** two relevant Advanced Placement (AP) exams at Grade 4 **or** two SATII subject exams in a science subject or Mathematics with a minimum score of 600

For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Associate degree/Professional Diploma

Entry into HNC/HND Courses:

- High School Diploma [GPA 3.0 with good grades in relevant subjects]
- **plus** a minimum score of 500 in each part of the SAT1 **or** a minimum composite score of 23 in the ACT

Advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 of Degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as the first two years of an undergraduate degree.