

What follows IGCSE?

(AS and A2)

- Designed for students in Years 12 & 13
- Subject course = approximately 160 hours per year
- AS + A2 = a full A Level
- An international University Entrance qualification recognised and valued throughout the world
- Grades available: A*, A, B, C, D, E, U

What are the Avondale College AS/A2 Courses?

Accounting, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, English, French, Geography, History, Applied ICT, Japanese, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Psychology, Spanish.

(Other AS and A2 courses may be added.)

How can Cambridge be used for University Entrance (UE) in NZ?

At least three AS Levels with D Grade minimum *(Equivalent to NCEA Level 3 and 14 credits in each of 3 subjects)*

Plus Literacy Standard Grade E in AS English (D grade for University of Auckland) *(Equivalent to NCEA Level 2 Literacy – five reading and five writing credits)*

Plus Numeracy Standard Grade D in IGCSE Mathematics *(Equivalent to NCEA Level 1 Numeracy – 10 credits) (and 120 UCAS Points in Total – minimum entry requirement)*

Further Points

- **Examination fees 2024:** \$185 per IGCSE subject, \$190 per AS/A2 subject, due end of Term 2 (fees are subject to change each year, depending on exchange rate)
- Assessment support is available (e.g. special assessment, special consideration, etc)
- Organisation and commitment are essential for Cambridge success

University Entrance The UCAS Tariff

| Grade | % Mark | UCAS Tariff Score | |
|-------|--------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | AS (1 Unit) | A Level (2 Unit) |
| A* | 90-100 | - | 140 |
| A | 80-100 | 60 | 120 |
| B | 70-79 | 50 | 100 |
| C | 60-69 | 40 | 80 |
| D | 50-59 | 30 | 60 |
| E | 40-49 | 20 | 40 |

Restricted Entry Requirements

- As with NCEA, many courses require more than just UE.
- This varies from University to University.
- The University of Auckland requires 150 points for a Bachelor of Arts and up to 310 points for Biomedical Science

How can Cambridge be used for University Entrance overseas?

- Accepted subject for subject and grade for grade in lieu of UK AS and A Levels for admission to all the world's major English speaking Universities.
- A Level grade combinations: AAA, AAB, (e.g. Ivy League and Oxford/Cambridge) or ABB, BBB... for others.
- University course credit and advanced standing is often available in countries such as the US and Canada (e.g. one full year of credit).

Consult the Cambridge recognition website and individual university websites for entrance information.



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Cambridge is recognised by over 500 universities in the USA, including all of the Ivy League...

“The Cambridge syllabus teaches you concepts and then you have to explain your thinking and apply what you know to other situations.”

How do students benefit from Cambridge programmes?

Cambridge aims to prepare students for life – helping them to develop an informed curiosity and lasting passion for learning. Cambridge helps students develop thinking and learning skills – so they become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged.

Success with Cambridge opens doors to the world’s best universities – in the US, the UK, Australia, Canada and beyond.

It’s what you’d expect from an organisation that is part of the world-leading University of Cambridge.

With Cambridge qualifications, the world is within your reach

Cambridge qualifications are accepted at over 1400 institutions across 195 countries, including these top ranking universities in the US, UK and elsewhere.



Cambridge at Avondale College: The Dual Pathway

| | NCEA | Cambridge |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Year 11 | Level 1 (5 subjects) | IGCSE (4 or 5 subjects) |
| Year 12 | Level 2 (5 subjects) | AS (4 or 5 subjects) |
| Year 13 | Level 3 (5 subjects) | A2 (3 or 4 subjects) * |

* Approximate parity with NZ Scholarship or Year 1 University

How does a student move along the Cambridge pathway at Avondale College?

Year 10: Some students are accelerated in Maths (either NCEA or IGCSE)

Year 11: 5 IGCSE
or 4 IGCSE + 1 AS

Year 12: 4 AS Level + 1 IGCSE
or 5 AS Level

Year 13: 3 A2s + 1AS
or 4 A2s

Note: 1 A Level = AS + A2 in a single subject
(Students finish with 3 or 4 A Levels overall)

How does Cambridge operate?

- Examinations in October/November (AS resits in May/June)
- Separate exam papers for separate syllabus components (eg. IGCSE Chemistry is three papers)
- Practical examinations in the AS Sciences
- Results are provided as grades and percentages

How does a student start Cambridge?

- IGCSE is designed for students in Year 11
- It is ideal preparation for AS/A2 Level
- Subjects available from: Science, Arts, Humanities, English, Mathematics, Languages, Business and Technology.
- Grades available:
Extended: A*, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, U
Core: C, D, E, F, G, U

What IGCSE courses are offered at Avondale College?

- Accounting, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Applied ICT, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Physical Education, Spanish
- A student may take four IGCSE subjects and one NCEA subject.
- (Other IGCSE syllabuses may be added.)