

# 2021 University responses to Teacher Assessed Grades

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We are engaging regularly with our global university contacts about the teacher assessed grades process and support for private candidates and are now able to share example feedback from some popular destinations for Pearson Edexcel students. Some of this guidance has been provided directly to our Progression and Recognition team or is available on university websites.

These admissions policy examples show how teacher assessed grades, private candidates who may be unable to supply calculated grades as expected, and evaluations for advanced standing/credit have been factored into the 2021/22 admissions cycle.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list and students are encouraged to contact their chosen universities directly to get the best advice.

### **International A level recognition**

Where universities only reference calculated GCE A levels grades alone, these policies do apply to International A levels. [See our global International A level recognition list](#) for many examples of International A level acceptance for undergraduate study.

We will continue to update this document as new confirmations are received from universities and admissions bodies.

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

### ***Universities UK***

Universities UK 'University admissions teams will continue to be fair and flexible in their decision making including, as in any year, for those who choose to appeal their results over the summer.'

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/news/Pages/uni-admissions-teams-will-pull-out-stops-this-year.aspx>

### ***Statement from Russell Group universities on the assessment conditions for Summer 2021***

'The decision to bring results day forward to early August will help universities better support students by giving more time to process results, make decisions and arrange crucial onboarding activities, while still allowing time for appeals. These positive changes will support our universities with robust and fair decision making, and allow them to be as flexible as possible to help ensure students are not disadvantaged by changes to assessments in 2021'

<https://russellgroup.ac.uk/news/russell-group-responds-to-dfe-announcement-on-assessment-conditions-for-summer-2021/>

### ***Statement from University Alliance***

'Alliance universities will continue to be flexible and responsive to support learners to progress to further study and succeed once at university'

<https://www.unialliance.ac.uk/2021/02/25/exams-grading-announcement/>

### ***University of Cambridge***

We understand that arrangements for awarding grades may be different this year and that this may vary depending on where you are and by exam board. Please be reassured that we will accept your official results regardless of whether they were achieved via taking exams or via assessment by your school.

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus>

### ***University of Oxford***

In countries where the normal examinations have been cancelled for 2021, we will expect the conditions of your offer to be met by the alternative assessment put in place by examination boards and examination regulators.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/applicants/prospective-undergraduates>

### ***University of Bath***

We will be accepting the International grades on the same basis as grades for A levels/GCSEs in any year. We are making no changes to our entry requirements and students' offers will be honoured

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/applying-for-undergraduate-study-in-2021/>

### ***Bath Spa***

There will be no change to how we evaluate grades when compared to 'normal' cycles. Our standard A Level entry requirements will not change even with the grades now based on Teacher Assessment.

<https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/how-to-apply/>

### ***Bangor University***

Bangor University will accept all officially verified results provided for the purposes of confirmation

<https://www.bangor.ac.uk/about/coronavirus>

### ***University of Edinburgh***

We will consider grades awarded in 2021 in exactly the same way as we would consider grades awarded in any other year

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/2021/covid-19-disruption-to-2021-exams>

### ***University of Huddersfield***

We will evaluate teacher assessed grades using standard processes. We will not differentiate students who apply with examination derived results from any curriculum and those with teacher assessed grades

<https://www.hud.ac.uk/important-update/applicant-covid-19/>

### ***Queen Mary University***

We don't expect to treat 2021 grades differently from previous years. We are currently considering transition support to help all students make a successful transition to Queen Mary.

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/coronavirus/guidance-for-students-and-applicants/applying-to-queen-mary/>

### ***South Wales University***

We will evaluate applicants as we always do - taking into account the whole application including grades, references and personal statements

<https://www.southwales.ac.uk/news/coronavirus-overview/>

### **University of Southampton**

Please be reassured that whatever the assessment system in 2021, we will be as fair and flexible as possible

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/coronavirus/faq/new-students.page>

### **University of Warwick**

Will you accept grades awarded by exam boards where final exams have been cancelled? (e.g. A levels)

Yes – where grades are officially awarded by exam boards or national governments, we will accept these qualifications as normal. This applies to A levels (including International A levels), GCSEs, IGCSEs

<https://warwick.ac.uk/coronavirus/students/admissions/undergraduate/offer-holder/>

## **UNITED STATES**

### **Brown University**

We also recognize that as many high schools moved to virtual learning, curricula and grading policies have also changed. We understand the challenges and constraints that students have been working under since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate that not all students will have experienced remote learning in the same way, and we assure you that your application will be reviewed fairly and thoughtfully with full awareness that many events were far beyond your control, including the grading policy of your school

<https://admission.brown.edu/applicants-brown>

### **University of Delaware**

We will be evaluating the new set of scores per 'normal' years

<https://www.udel.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/requirements/international-students/>

### **University of Denver**

We will recognize the results as we would in prior examination years: university credit will be awarded for A-level results dependent on scores and subjects.

<https://www.du.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate/international-applicants>

### **Fordham University**

Results for students scheduled to complete externally evaluated exams which have been cancelled (A Level, etc.) but who will still receive a [...] mark based on other assessments will be accepted for meeting enrollment requirements and credit transfer

[https://www.fordham.edu/info/21656/admitted\\_students/10350/admitted\\_and\\_enrolling\\_student\\_expectations](https://www.fordham.edu/info/21656/admitted_students/10350/admitted_and_enrolling_student_expectations)

### **Miami University**

Grades from Pearson students with teacher assessment grades will be evaluated on the same criteria as those with examination grades. We will not differentiate students based on this.

<https://miamioh.edu/admission-aid/international-students/index.html>

**State University of New York Plattsburgh**

Our consideration of these results will not change as a consequence of the alternative assessment methodology

<https://www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/international/get-started/index.html>

**University of the Incarnate Word**

As long as GCSE certificates will still be provided and grading scales are the same, we will continue to accept them regardless of the format of assessment due to COVID-19

[www.uiw.edu/internationaladmissions](http://www.uiw.edu/internationaladmissions)

**Memorial University**

Memorial University will assess 2021 grades in the same way we have in previous years.

<https://www.mun.ca/undergrad/admissions/apply/index.php>

**University of Minnesota**

The University of Minnesota respects the expertise of testing boards, schools and educational institutions to make alternative assessment plans, due to COVID-19, for students finishing their schooling. Therefore, we will honor the plans set forth by GCE A-level examination boards for final documentation of a student's examinations and work. We will continue to honor our current transfer credit rules for GCE A-levels

<https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/events/alert.html>

**New York University**

I'm a student applying with A-levels and they have been cancelled. What should I do?

Please rest assured that we will accept the final qualifications submitted to us from your A-level exam board as proof of graduation. We will continue to evaluate grades the same way as if the exams were offered in-person. Students will not be disadvantaged in any way.

<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/admitted-students/questions.html>

**Ohio Wesleyan University**

We will not differentiate students who apply with examination derived results from any curriculum and those with teacher assessed grades

<https://www.owu.edu/admission/apply/international-students/>

**Rice University**

In light of the school year disruption caused by COVID-19 and remote learning modifications, we are prepared to accept the grading policies your high school or school district has implemented for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Should there be disruptions to the 2020-2021 academic year, we will make adjustments to accept those policy changes as well.

<https://coronavirus.rice.edu/admissions-and-aid>

**Temple University**

In light of the recent announcements of exam cancellations and the modified assessment and calculation of results for multiple international qualifications (IBO, A levels, French Bac, AP, etc.) due to the impact of COVID-19, Temple will continue to accept these results [...]. For those of you who were anticipating

advanced credit due to completion of IB, A Level, AP or CLEP courses/subjects, our awarding policy will not change and we will recognize successful completion as determined by the examining body.

<https://admissions.temple.edu/apply/international-students>

### ***University of Pennsylvania***

Testing agencies are making prudent decisions to prevent large gatherings of people. We are in communication with testing agencies around the world and we support them in the decisions they feel they need to make.

<https://ask.admissions.upenn.edu/hc/en-us/articles/360040924812-COVID-19-Updates-for-Prospective-Students>

### ***University of Suffolk***

We will review GCSE/International GCSE AS/A Level grades as we have always. We will trust the assessments provided in an official manner, understanding that involved teacher assessments. The re-calculation of a GPA (Grade Point Average) will use the same conversion scales from a UK grading system to the USA one as normal.

<https://www.suffolk.edu/undergraduate-admission/apply>

### ***University of Southern California***

Because A-level exams will not be offered, USC will award credit based on the “calculated grades” awarded by the student’s school.

<https://admission.usc.edu/admitted-students/first-year-admits-faq/>

### ***University of Washington***

Although many exams have been canceled, exam boards have indicated that they will still award certificates using other assessment methods. The UW will award credit for final A-level exam certificates, regardless of how the grades/marks are assessed.

<https://admit.washington.edu/covid-19/>

### ***University of Wisconsin–Madison***

We will evaluate as we did last year. As long as it comes on a recognized certificate from Pearson Edexcel, we accept A levels for university level credit and will evaluate the grades to sustain admission

<https://admissions.wisc.edu/covid-19/>

### ***Yale University***

We expect that many transcripts will look different for at least the spring and fall 2020 semesters.

Regardless of your school’s decisions, we will work to understand your school’s unique context and will not penalize students [...]

<https://admissions.yale.edu/covid-19>

## CANADA

### ***Mount Allison University***

Under the particular circumstances of this year, we will recognize teacher-assessed grades in the same way that we would normally recognize examination grades. We will calibrate results to ensure students who present examination grades from previous cycles are not at a disadvantage.

[https://www.mta.ca/Prospective/International\\_students/Academics\\_and\\_admissions/Apply\\_now/Applying\\_as\\_an\\_international\\_student/](https://www.mta.ca/Prospective/International_students/Academics_and_admissions/Apply_now/Applying_as_an_international_student/)

### ***Saint Mary's University***

We will evaluate students for admission based on teacher assessments provided by the schools

<https://www.smu.ca/virtualuniversity/future-students.html>

### ***University of Calgary***

All grades, as reported by the reporting authority in the country, province or territory will be used, with or without a final examination.

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/contacts-and-help/admission-covid-19-questions>

### ***University of Toronto***

We will continue to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the school year and will be as flexible as possible throughout the admission process.

<https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/covid19/>

## HONG KONG

### ***The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)***

In selection for admission, the University will take into consideration results / grades / scores / certification (or other relevant arrangements) issued by official / exam authorities. Such evidence will be holistically considered, together with all relevant academic and non-academic achievements and experiences, and performance at interview (where applicable)

[http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/covid19\\_updates.html](http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/covid19_updates.html)

### ***Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen***

In recognising the difficulties faced by education systems internationally, we will do our best to cater for all applicants fairly and equally with the transcripts and results that they can provide

<https://intladmissions.cuhk.edu.cn/en>

### ***Hong Kong Baptist University***

Recognition of Alternative Credentials

In the event of examination disruption and cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some alternative credentials are suggested as follows: IB, GCE A-Level Results issued by the relevant examination boards based on adjusted assessment methods

[https://admissions.hkbu.edu.hk/uploads/en/news/pdf/Announcement\\_COVID\\_19.pdf](https://admissions.hkbu.edu.hk/uploads/en/news/pdf/Announcement_COVID_19.pdf)

### ***University of Hong Kong***

We understand that your university applications might be affected due to cancellation and postponement of examinations because of the pandemic. Please rest assured that HKU will exercise flexibility when evaluating your application

<https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/international/flexible-arrangements-consideration-students-affected-covid-19-0>

## **JAPAN**

### ***Nagoya University of Commerce and Business***

We will adhere to the evaluation of Pearson Edexcel and take a holistic evaluation for acceptance.

<https://www.nucba.ac.jp/en/admission/news/entry-18844.html>

## **MALAYSIA**

### ***Asia Pacific University***

We will accept Pearson provided results, we are OK with teacher and school assessments.

[www.apu.edu.my](http://www.apu.edu.my)

## **SWITZERLAND**

### ***EHL - Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne***

We will continue to evaluate our students with the academic history of the last three years and based on their predicted grades for this summer. We will not differentiate students who apply with examination derived results from any curriculum and those with teacher assessed grades.

## **THE NETHERLANDS**

### ***HZ University of Applied Sciences***

We will accept the teacher assessed grades. We will not differentiate students who apply with examination derived results from any curriculum and those with teacher assessed grades

<https://hz.nl/en/study-information>



**University College Roosevelt**

My schooling has been interrupted for a long time and I worry this will influence my grades. Will UCR take this into consideration?

UCR looks at your application as a whole, including motivation, curiosity, passion for learning and an international outlook. While there are some minimum requirements we legally need to adhere to, we will be as understanding of the current situation as possible.

<https://www.ucr.nl/admissions/admissions/faqs/>

**Utrecht University**

We are aware of many exam sessions having been cancelled in the spring and summer of 2021. If you are able to graduate and will receive your diploma despite the cancellation of the exam session, this event will not have an impact on your eligibility

<https://www.uu.nl/en/information-coronavirus/international-students-and-staff/coronavirus-international-admissions#bachelors>

**Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**

We will not differentiate students who apply with examination derived results from those with teacher assessed grades

<https://www.vu.nl/en/news-agenda/news/corona-students/current/index.aspx>

**Windesheim University of Applied Sciences**

If a student provides a final grade list to show completion of secondary school education, we will accept this in their application. We will not evaluate how the grades are assessed.

<https://www.windesheim.com/pages/coronavirus>