

## Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam:

### GCE A-level requirements

for English-taught Bachelor's programmes



#### General diploma requirement

- 3 (international) GCE A-levels completed **in general, academic subjects\*** with an A\*, A, B or C grade

Additionally 3 GCSE's completed with grade A\*, A, B or C/grade 4-9 showing - in combination with the A-levels - six different subjects in total (incl. English and mathematics).

*If an applicant did not complete the GCSE's they can upload their secondary school transcript of the curriculum completed prior to starting the A-levels.*

#### GCE A-level Subject requirements:

\*Examples of accepted A-level subjects: All Languages\*, Ancient History, Biology, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Classical Studies, Economics, Environmental Science / Technology, Further Mathematics, Geography, Government and Politics, History, History of Art, Islamic Studies, Latin, Law, Literature, Marine Sciences, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Statistics.

**\*For non-Humanities programmes a maximum of 1 GCE A-level in languages is accepted.**



**Accreditation:** VU Amsterdam only accepts GCE A-levels awarded by official examining boards approved by a regulatory body (e.g. AQA, Pearson, WJEC, CCEA, Cambridge).



#### English language requirement

Applicants can meet the language requirements with:

- a (Pre-university) diploma obtained after successfully completing English-taught education in Canada, the USA, the UK, New Zealand, Ireland, or Australia;
- GCE A-level (AQA, Pearson, WJEC, CCEA) or Cambridge International A-level in 'English Language', 'English Literature' or 'English Language & Literature' with minimum grade C\* if obtained as part of a diploma that meets our general diploma requirement.  
\*B Law in Society and B Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE): 'English Language', 'English Literature' or 'English Language & Literature' with minimum grade B
- 3 academic GCE A-levels completed with minimum grade C (meeting the general diploma requirement) and language of instruction English, in combination with GCSE English Language grade C/4\* or above, or iGCSE English as a First Language minimum grade C/4\*.  
\*B Law in Society and B Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE): in combination with GCSE English Language grade B/6 or above iGCSE English as a First Language minimum grade B/6.
- One of the approved English language proficiency tests with minimum passing score as listed on [www.vu.nl/language-requirements](http://www.vu.nl/language-requirements)

## Programme-specific requirements

Students may need to fulfill specific subject, grade and selection requirements, depending on the programme/major they are applying for.

*Is the general diploma requirement met, but do A-level exams not meet the subject requirement? Then you can find alternative options mentioned on [the programme page](#) under “Admissions”.*

### School of Business and Economics

| Bachelor's programme                        | Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C) |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Economics and Business Economics            | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                 |
| Econometrics and Data Science               | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                 |
| Econometrics and Operations Research        | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                 |
| International Business Administration (IBA) | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                 |

### Faculty of Science

| Bachelor's programme           | Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                                  |
| Business Analytics             | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                                  |
| Computer Science               | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics                                  |
| Mathematics                    | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics +<br>A-level Further Mathematics |

### John Stuart Mill College: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

| Bachelor's programme                     | Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C, depending on the other grades)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) | <p><b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics</p> <p><b>GPA requirement option 1:</b><br/>3 A-levels in academic subjects grades BBB incl. A-level Mathematics</p> <p><b>GPA requirement option 2:</b><br/>3 A-levels in relevant academic subjects excl. maths grades BBB + A-level Mathematics grade C</p> |

### Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences

| Bachelor's programme | Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)                                           |
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| Psychology           | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C) |

### Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

| Bachelor's programme                            | Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Communication Science                           | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C) |
| Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C) |
| Political Science: Global Politics              | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C) |
| Ancient Studies                                 | None                                                                                              |
| Archaeology                                     | None                                                                                              |
| Communication and Information Studies           | None                                                                                              |

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|--------------------------------------------|------|
| History: History and International Studies | None |
| Literature and Society: English            | None |
| Media, Art, Design, and Architecture       | None |
| Philosophy                                 | None |

#### Faculty of Law

| Bachelor's programme | Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)                                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law in Society       | <b>Mathematics:</b> A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C) |

#### Other programmes:

Is a programme not listed?

- For Dutch-taught programmes further information can be found on the webpages in Dutch under 'Toelating'.
- For the Bachelor's programmes Creative Technology, Mechanical Engineering and Liberal Arts and Sciences (Amsterdam University College) you can find further information on [the website programme information page](#) under "Admissions".

