



## International Qualifications: Undergraduate Courses (Higher National Certificate (HNC) level and above)

Due to the range of overseas qualifications, potential applicants are advised to contact the Admissions Team with full details of their qualifications and the course they wish to apply for so that advice may be given. The easiest way to do this is by email: [admissions@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@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/study-with-us/find-apply-for-your-course/how-to-apply/international-students/study-requirements-for-international-students/](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/study-with-us/find-apply-for-your-course/how-to-apply/international-students/study-requirements-for-international-students/)

SRUC uses the ECCTIS ([www.ecctis.com](http://www.ecctis.com)) 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 National 5 qualifications (A–C), GCSE (4/C–9/A\*) or equivalent pass in English, as evidence of literacy skills, and in Mathematics or equivalent, as evidence of numeracy skills.

### **Entry Requirements for Degree courses:**

Applicants must hold a minimum of 4 Scottish Highers (Grades BBCC), 3 A-Levels (Grades BCC), or equivalent qualification. Some courses may specify higher grade requirements. Specific subjects may be required for some courses, please check the website/prospectus for more information.

### **Entry Requirements for HNC and HND courses:**

Applicants must hold a minimum of 2 Scottish Highers (Grades CC), 2 A-Levels (Grade DE), 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 Registrar. Please refer to our prospectus or contact the Marketing and Student Recruitment Team ([study@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:study@sruc.ac.uk)) or the Admissions Team ([admissions@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@sruc.ac.uk)) 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**: [admissions@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@sruc.ac.uk)

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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. Ideally, however, those speaking English as a second language should sit an IELTS examination prior to application.

Those applying from out with the UK 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 may not be required to provide further proof of English language ability – please contact us for clarification. Those speaking English as a second language to whom the Baccalaureate was not taught in English, should sit an IELTS or TEOFL examination prior to application.

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.

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## 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 an ATAR 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 an ATAR of at least 65

**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

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### 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 of degree courses may be possible with relevant qualifications such as:

Diploma za Zavarsheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Intermediate Higher Education)

## Canada

### For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- Regional High School Graduation Diploma/ Secondary School Diploma with a minimum average of 80% 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)

## China

### For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:

- SRUC recognises the Aptitude Scholastic Tests (ASTs) for entry to our undergraduate degree programmes. The AST grades are equivalent to the below A Level grades:

A Level	AST
A	210+
B	170 - 209
C	140 - 169
D	100 - 139

- Some courses will ask for specific science subjects, please check the course webpage.
- Applicants are required to have successfully completed the Gaokao qualification.
- Applicants will also need to meet the university's requirements for English language.
- Each application is considered on an individual basis.

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## 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:**

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

### **Entry into HNC/HND Courses**

- Maturitni 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

### **Entry into HNC/HND Courses**

- HHX/HTX – Grade 4

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- Studentereksamen or Forberedelseksamen (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)

## 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:**

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- 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

## 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 H3 H3 H3 H3 including any required subjects. Requirements for BSc Veterinary Nursing are 4 Leaving Certificate passes (Higher level) at H2 H2 H3 H3 including any relevant subjects
- Level 6 Advanced Certificate
- Level 6 Higher Certificate

#### **Entry into HNC/HND Courses**

- 2 Leaving Certificate passes (Higher Level) at H3 H4
- Level 5 Certificate

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**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 including 75 in any required subjects
- 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 IV)

## Lithuania

**For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:**

- Brandos Atestatas – pass with an average Grade of 6
- Aukštojo Mokslo Diplomas

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### **Entry into HNC/HND Courses**

- Brandos Atestatas (pass)

**Advanced entry** into year 2 or 3 of a degree courses may be offered to those with a highly relevant Aukštojo Mokslo 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

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## Slovakia

### **For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:**

- Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with an average of Grade 2,3 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

## Sweden

### **For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:**

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola – complete Gymnasieskola with a total of 2,500 credits to include B and C grades in required subjects.

### **Entry into HNC/HND Courses**

- Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola – complete Gymnasieskola with a total of 2,500 credits.

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

- Gymnasieingenjörsexamen/ Kvalificerad Yrkeshogskoleexamen (400 Yh)/Yrkeshogskoleexamen

## 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.

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**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

## USA

**For entry into Year 1 of degree courses:**

- High School Diploma [GPA 2.8 or higher with good grades in relevant subjects
- **plus** a minimum score of 500 in each part of the SAT **or** a minimum composite score of 24 in the ACT

**Entry into HNC/HND Courses:**

- High School Diploma [GPA 2.0 with good grades in relevant subjects]

**Advanced entry** into Year 2 or 3 of Degree courses is possible with relevant qualifications such as Community College.

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