

You may find this factsheet useful if you are thinking about applying to university or college for courses starting from September 2017.

What is the new UCAS Tariff?

Some, but not all universities and colleges use UCAS Tariff points to describe their entry requirements – the level of qualifications you need to be considered for a place. Today you might see:

- 280 UCAS Tariff points: can include A levels, Scottish Highers, or BTECs
- 280 UCAS Tariff points: including A levels in Chemistry and Biology
- 280 UCAS Tariff points: including 120 points from Chemistry A level

A new UCAS Tariff point system is being introduced to include more qualifications. Some universities and colleges may refer to the new UCAS Tariff points for their courses starting from September 2017.

Under the new UCAS Tariff points, university and college entry requirements could look like this:

- 112 UCAS Tariff points: can include A levels, Scottish Highers, or BTECs
- 112 UCAS Tariff points: including A levels in Chemistry and Biology
- 112 UCAS Tariff points: including 48 points from Chemistry A level

Sometimes universities and colleges may also state that they do not accept certain qualifications. Under the new UCAS Tariff points this could look like this:

- 112 UCAS Tariff points: points from General Studies A level, AS qualifications and key skills **will not** be considered.

What do the new UCAS Tariff points mean for me?

Although the number of UCAS Tariff points appears to be less i.e. 112 instead of 280, this is simply because the new UCAS Tariff points are based on different, lower numbers. Overall, you will still need to achieve the same grades at A level, Scottish Highers, Scottish Advanced Highers or BTEC and other qualifications, to meet the entry requirements for the higher education course as you would if you were applying today.

However, one key change is that the AS qualification will get fewer UCAS Tariff points under the new Tariff than it does today. This is because the new UCAS Tariff points for the AS will change to ensure the points allocated reflect the standard as stated by the UK qualification regulators that manage A levels and AS qualifications.

Your teachers and advisers in school will help advise you on the best qualifications to take based on the subjects and type of learning you enjoy and are good at. They can also explain how the new UCAS Tariff points work. You should always check university and college entry requirements carefully and discuss them with your teacher or adviser.

Remember, many universities and colleges don't refer to the UCAS Tariff points in their entry requirements, so don't worry if you do not see any mention of UCAS Tariff points when doing research into higher education courses.

How do I find out how many new UCAS Tariff points a qualification gets?

Information about how many new UCAS Tariff points each qualification gets is available in "UCAS Tariff tables: New Tariff points for entry to higher education from 2017" which you can view at www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/new-ucas-tariff Your teacher or adviser should be able to show you what this means for your qualifications.

How do I get further information?

If you have any questions about the new Tariff and would like to speak to someone at UCAS you can ring the UCAS Contact Centre on 0371 468 0 468 or email us at newtariff-feedback@ucas.ac.uk